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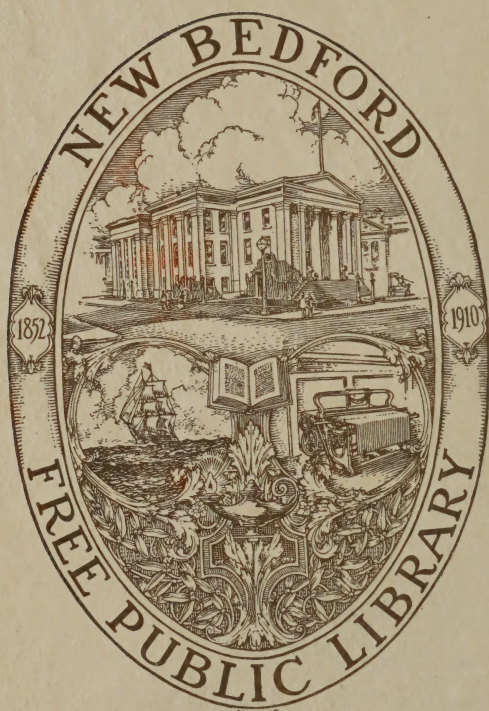


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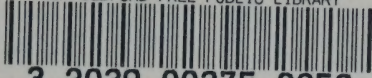
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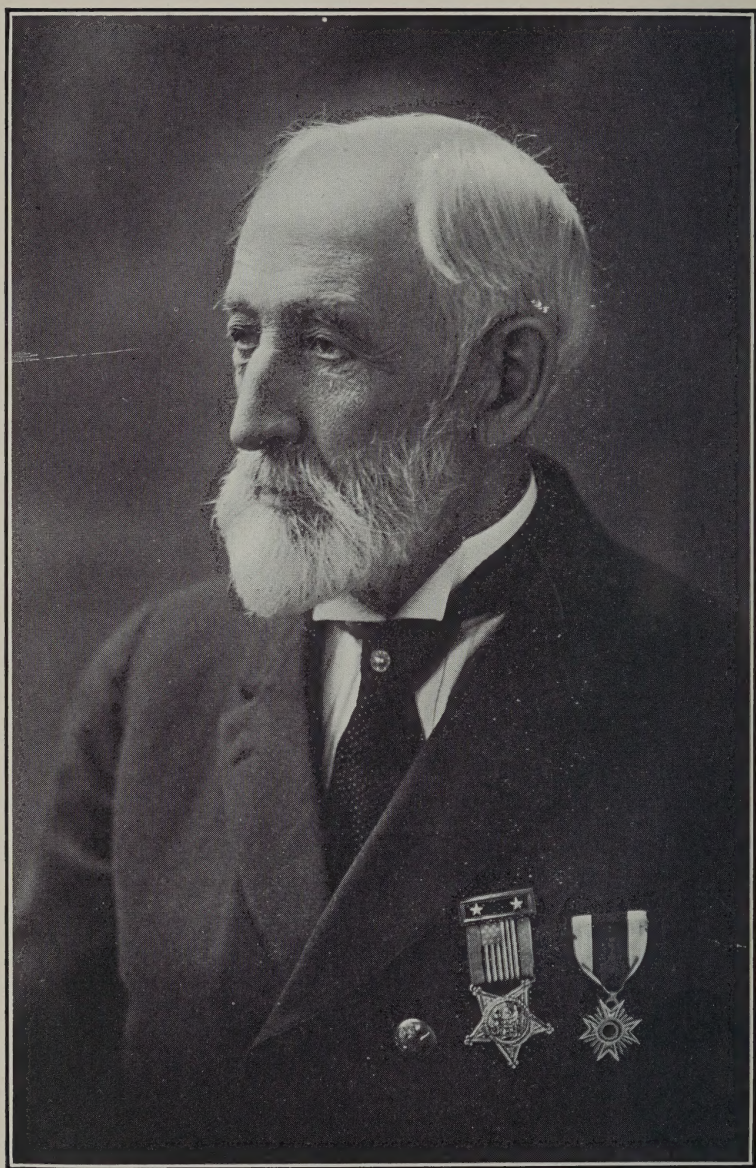


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# JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

## OF THE

# SIXTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

## Department of Massachusetts

# GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

FANEUIL HALL, BOSTON, April 6 and 7, 1926.

The Sixtieth Annual Encampment of the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic, met in Faneuil Hall on Tuesday, April 6th, in accordance with General Orders of the Department.

Guard duty was performed by a detail from James A. Perkins Post 156 of Everett. Officer of the Day, Henri Batchelder; Officer of the Guard, George A. Parsons, assisted by the following named comrades, John Nicholson, Peter Munroe, Moses Keller, John Shattuck.

The presiding officer and suite were escorted to the rostrum with due formality. Assistant Adjutant General Wetherbee opened the convention shortly after 10 A.M. and tendered a new gavel to Commander Henry N. Comey.

Commander: "Comrades, this is the sixtieth annual encampment of the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic. Officer of the Day, are the approaches to this Encampment properly guarded?"

Officer of the Day: "Commander, they are."

Commander: "Are the officers in their stations?"

Officer of the Day: "So far as I can see, they are."

Commander: "Comrades, once again we are assembled as the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic. We meet in fraternity, charity and loyalty, and may our hearts unite in one accord to sustain the great objects of our association. The Chaplain will invoke the Divine Blessing. Parade rest!"

Chaplain George W. Nead, Post 169: "Just a moment in silence as we remember our departed Comrades."

"Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being, we thank Thee that Thou hast prolonged our lives and permitted us to come to this sixtieth Department Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

"We thank Thee that we can meet in this historic Hall where we have met so often in the past, and feel the elbow-rub of comradeship, and enjoy the interchange of greetings and salutations one with another.

"O God, this is a day of heart-stirring memories among us all; we remember the long and forced marches in the great Civil War, with the fatigue and exhausting efforts, — the hard fought battles, the battle-fields strewn with thousands of dead and dying; the suffering in prison-pens from hunger and thirst and heat and cold — and even nakedness. O God, it was only by Thy mercy that we escaped with our lives and returned home even with shattered health.

"We thank Thee that we have lived to see this nation grow and prosper, and become great among the nations of the earth since that war.

"O God, bless the President of these United States, Congress, and all in authority; may they never forget, with all the people of the United States, the debt they owe to these veterans for what they did, that this 'government of the people,

by the people and for the people might not perish from the earth'; and for what they have done since the war in constructive work in all the affairs of this country.

"God bless the Grand Army of the Republic and all its Posts and members. Bless, we pray Thee, these allied orders so faithful to us in the past, and who will perpetuate our memory in the future. We pray especially for our Army Nurses, and thank Thee for their angelic ministry in what they did for us.

"Bless sick and dying Comrades; may their reliance in God be unshaken, and may they confidently say, 'Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me.' May we cheer them when visiting them, and assure them of complete victory through our Risen Lord and Redeemer, the Captain of our salvation. Amen."

Commander: "Comrades, this is the annual encampment of the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may come before the Encampment. We should realize that we are in the old Cradle of Liberty, and who has a better right to be here today than the Grand Army of the Republic that for sixty years has cherished memories of the past; and assembled thus in this old Cradle, may it rock today with your patriotic sentiments.

"The Assistant Adjutant-General will call the roll of Officers."

## ROLL OF ENCAMPMENT, 1926.

[Comrades whose names are preceded by an asterisk (\*) were present.]

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Commander, \*Francis J. O'Reilly.

S. V. C., \*Theodore P. Prentice.

J. V. C., \*Andrew MacGinnes.

*Representative.*

James L. Ireland.

*Alternate.*

George J. Jeffrey.

*Past Commanders.*

\*O. S. Brown.

\*C. P. Kellogg.

Geo. Rouillard.

**Reynolds Post 58, East Weymouth.**

Commander, Francis A. Bicknell.

S. V. C., \*Michael McGrath.

J. V. C., Geo. S. Hunt.

*Representatives.*

\*Charles W. Howe.

Patrick Slattery.

*Alternates.*

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*Past Commanders.*

William A. Drake.

\*Joseph P. Ford.

Waldo Turner.

\*David Dunbar.

Charles S. Richards.

\*Andrew Culley.

William E. Mitchell.

\*Bradford Hawes.

**Franklin Post 60, Franklin.**

Commander, Anthony Connors.

S. V. C., A. J. Newell.

J. V. C., C. O. Green.

*Representative.*

John C. McWilliams.

*Alternate.*

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**Nathaniel Lyon Post 61, Webster.**

Commander, Elias B. Wakefield.

S. V. C., Henry C. Phillips.

J. V. C., William Moore.

*Representative.*

Edward Spencer.

*Alternate.*

Lewis Feraud.

*Past Commanders.*

L. E. Patterson.

W. N. Leavens.

**Charles Ward Post 62, Newtonville.**

Commander, Thomas W. Shapleigh.

S. V. C., \*Wm. L. Mick.

J. V. C., \*E. H. Stoddard.

*Representatives.*

Henry E. Williams.

\*George W. Craig.

*Alternates.*

Gould Manter.

W. H. Ayles.

*Past Commanders.*

J. Coolidge Coffin.

Geo. H. Osborne.

C. S. Ober.

John Ryan.

John Flood.

\*Geo. W. Fiske.

\*W. D. Tripp.

Leonard Boyd.

C. W. Sweetland.

**General Wadsworth Post 63, Natick.**

S. V. C., \*R. J. Fox. Commander, \*A. C. Ambler. J. V. C., \*Daniel Green.

*Representatives.*  
\*John L. Robinson.  
\*E. L. Taylor.

*Alternates.*  
Thomas W. Frost.

**E. D. Baker Post 64, Clinton.**

S. V. C., O. L. Martin. Commander, G. S. Gibson. J. V. C., Thomas Burgess.

*Representative.*

*Alternate.*

**S. C. Lawrence Post 66, Medford.**

S. V. C., \*Edgar A. Hall. Commander, \*George L. Stokell. J. V. C., Benj. P. Lewis.

*Representatives.*  
Wm. F. Ellsbree.  
Alvin E. Reed.

*Alternates.*  
Thomas Kelly.

*Past Commanders.*

\*Albert Patch.

\*Charles O. Burbank.

**Allen Post 67, Manchester.**

S. V. C., Chas. P. Goldsmith. Commander, Charles H. Stone. J. V. C., ———

*Representative.*

*Alternate.*

**Benj. Stone, Jr., Post 68, Dorchester.**

S. V. C., \*J. Henry Blanchard. Commander, \*Wallace Kenney. J. V. C., \*Rodney W. Greenleaf.

*Representatives.*  
Albert W. Rollins.  
\*Simon F. Curran.

*Alternates.*  
Francis M. Murphy.  
George F. S. Wellington.

*Past Commanders.*

\*Walter E. Swan.  
\*William H. Haddock.  
\*George H. Rexford.

\*William H. Dupree.  
\*Jerome J. Pratt.  
\*A. A. Chittendon.

\*Geo. F. Wellington.

**Joseph P. Rice Post 69, Westminster.**

S. V. C., Hobart Raymond. Commander, Jesse F. Coombs. J. V. C., Alonzo D. Wheeler.

*Representative.*

*Alternate.*

**George A. Custer Post 70, Millbury.**

Commander, Henry W. Davidson.

S. V. C., \*Henry A. White.

J. V. C., Ambrose Rice.

*Representative.**Alternate.***Kilpatrick Post 71, Holyoke.**

Commander, \*William H. Abbott.

S. V. C., Robert B. Corbett.

J. V. C., James Gage.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

Samuel F. Fales.

Harvey H. Carter.

*Past Commander.*

William Brown.

**A. St. John Chambre Post 72, Stoughton.**

Commander, \*James McElroy.

S. V. C., Charles A. Miles.

J. V. C., William T. Lawless.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

\*Myron Rounds.

Herman Randall.

*Past Commanders.*

George W. Dutton.

\*George W. Pratt.

Eugene V. Tyler.

**McPherson Post 73, Abington.**

Commander, \*John F. Hatch.

S. V. C., Henry T. Rochefort.

J. V. C., \*Harvey Edson.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

Isaac K. Holmes.

\*James B. Johnson.

*Past Commanders.*

C. W. Howland.

Calvin F. Baker.

Wm. H. Nash.

**Hartsuff Post 74, Rockland.**

Commander, William R. Groce.

S. V. C., \*D. C. Witherell.

J. V. C., W. H. Cate.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

Henry A. Baker.

W. A. Gurney.

*Past Commanders.*

William H. Bates.

J. H. Harper.

\*J. S. Gray.

\*Jason B. Hersey.

S. M. Watts.

**J. P. Gould Post 75, Stoneham.**

Commander, James O'Laughlin.

S. V. C., P. H. Horne.

J. V. C., R. F. Davis.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

\*A. C. Souther.

Hiram H. Luffler.

*Past Commanders.*

Robert K. Brown.

\*S. A. Lawrence.

S. C. Trull.

George W. Newhall.

Geo. F. Jewett.

**Collingwood Post 76, Plymouth.**

Commander, Willie R. Butters.

S. V. C., Seth Holmes.

J. V. C., Harry Costa.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

George Burgess.

Samuel Holmes.

**Theron P. Hall Post 77, Holden.**

Commander, C. E. Farrar.

S. V. C., A. D. Bascom.

J. V. C., J. H. Allen.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

G. S. Graham.

**David A. Russell Post 78, Whitman.**

Commander, \*Bela Alden.

S. V. C., John Lane.

J. V. C., Lucius Cook.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

\*Shepard F. Eaton.

Henry C. Adams.

*Past Commanders.*

\*Obad H. Ellis.

Elmer E. Copeland.

Quincy A. Merritt.

Charles H. Mason.

**Charles D. Sanford Post 79, North Adams.**

Commander, \*Alfred A. Lee.

S. V. C., G. J. Montgomery.

J. V. C., Nicholas Martin.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

\*John Mitchell.

\*Horace A. Loomis.

*Past Commander.*

\*Alex. W. Fulton.

**Arthur G. Biscoe Post 80, Westborough.**

Commander, \*John W. Fairbanks.

S. V. C., Harris C. Warren.

J. V. C., Forrest R. Kingsbury.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

Stephen A. Gilmore.

*Past Commander.*

Melvin H. Walker.

**Isaac B. Patten Post 81, Watertown.**

Commander, Alvin F. Tolman.

S. V. C., Nelson Hill.

J. V. C., \*Chas. F. Sherman.

*Representative.*

\*Ozra M. Whittier.

*Alternate.*

Michael Hughes.

**John Goodwin, Jr., Post 82, Marblehead.**

Commander, Samuel A. Snow.

S. V. C., Joseph W. Wormstead.

J. V. C., Benj. W. R. Chase.

*Representative.*

Benj. G. Hooper.

*Alternate.*

Wm. S. Roundy.

*Past Commanders.*

Stewart F. McClearn.

Albert F. Morris.

Winfield S. Caswell.

Eli V. Hunt.

**J. E. Wilder Post 83, Hanover.**

Commander, George M. Curtis.

S. V. C., ———

J. V. C., ———

*Representative.**Alternate.***J. W. Lawton Post 85, Ware.**

Commander, A. H. Richardson.

S. V. C., \*Charles H. Rood.

J. V. C., Frank King.

*Representative.*

\*Henry M. Hitchcock.

*Alternate.*

Charles Hannum.

**W. L. Baker Post 86, Northampton.**

Commander, William R. Bardwell.

S. V. C., \*Edward E. Graves.

J. V. C., \*Alphonso Witherell.

*Representatives.*

\*Seth W. Kingsley.

William Bliss.

*Alternates.*

Charles K. Morton.

Arthur B. Noble.

*Past Commander.*

N. W. Farrar.

**Gen. S. Thayer Post 87, South Braintree.**

Commander, Henry A. Monk.

S. V. C., William J. Terrill.

J. V. C., Edward A. Fisher.

*Representative.*

Henry Collins.

*Alternate.*

**Paul J. Revere Post 88, Quincy.**

Commander, \*John D. Williams.

S. V. C., Chas. P. Costar.

J. V. C., \*Charles A. Brown.

*Representative.*

\*Frederick H. Bishop.

*Alternate.*

Gresham B. Thomas.

*Past Commander.*

\*James H. Webb.

**J. H. Chapman, Jr., Post 89, Beverly.**

Commander, \*William H. Morgan.

S. V. C., \*William F. Beckford.

J. V. C., \*Arthur Jordan.

*Representatives.*

\*Horace C. Jacobs.

\*Geo. F. Goldthwait.

*Alternates.*\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_*Past Commanders.*

\*John E. Foster.

John Hanners.

John W. McKnight.

Alfred B. Fowler.

\*James A. Wright.

\*Thomas F. Whiting.

Thomas H. Dunham.

John Crampsey.

**Ward Post 90, Danvers.**

Commander, \*Alonzo A. Rackliff.

S. V. C., Dennison Spaulding.

J. V. C., Charles E. Tibbetts.

*Representative.*

Frederick Collins.

*Alternate.*

William Collins.

*Past Commanders.*

\*Henry M. Comey.

\*Henry H. Potter.

J. Albert Bates.

Eldredge F. Small.

\*Isaac E. Frye.

**Francis Washburn Post 92, Brighton.**

Commander, John Welch.

S. V. C., Ellis W. Knowlton.

J. V. C., Chas. M. Hathaway.

*Representative.*

Thomas E. McNamara.

*Alternate.*

John J. Reardon.

*Past Commanders.*

\*Archibald B. Collier.

J. F. Chickey.

J. H. Haskell.

E. Frank Stearnes.

**Ozro Miller Post 93, Shelburne Falls.**

Commander, George A. Jones.

S. V. C., William E. Crown.

J. V. C., William Smith.

*Representative.*\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_*Alternate.*\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Revere Post 94, Canton.**

S. V. C., Theron M. Kelly.

Commander, Richmond L. Weston.

J. V. C., James Ryan.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

\*Wilber D. Ryerson.

*Past Commanders.*

John D. Billings.

Frank G. Webster.

**Gen. E. W. Hincks Post 95, Saugus.**

S. V. C., ———

Commander, \*Joseph Newhall.

J. V. C., ———

*Representative.**Alternate.*

\*George W. Caswell.

Dr. George W. Gale.

**Gen. W. P. Bartlett Post 99, Andover.**

S. V. C., John Cummings.

Commander, \*Henry L. Clukey.

J. V. C., James Saunders.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

John H. Steward.

John B. A. Russell.

**Charles Sumner Post 101, Groveland.**

S. V. C., George T. Anderson.

Commander, Charles J. Shute.

J. V. C., Eugene C. Brown.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

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**Huntington F. Wolcott Post 102, Milton.**

S. V. C., \*A. F. Emery.

Commander, \*Nathaniel S. Barry.

J. V. C., Alex. Hobbs.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

Horace N. Plummer.

*Past Commanders.*

Joseph F. Farrell.

J. E. Blake.

**Edwin Humphrey Post 104, Hingham.**

S. V. C., Ezra Wilder.

Commander, Wm. M. Gilman.

J. V. C., Jerry G. O'Hara.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

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**J. Orson Fisk Post 105, Upton.**

Commander, Willard Wood.

S. V. C., Alonzo Southland.

J. V. C., Henry Johnson.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

\*Aaron Jackson.

**Otis W. Wallace Post 106, Rockport.**

Commander, Joseph M. Reed.

S. V. C., Chas. B. Morse.

J. V. C., Eben Pickering

*Representative.**Alternate.*

Henry C. Davis.

Albert Norwood.

**Everett Peabody Post 108, Georgetown.**

Acting Commander, C. E. Tyler.

S. V. C., \_\_\_\_\_

J. V. C., \_\_\_\_\_

*Representative.**Alternate.***Ericsson Post 109, East Templeton.**

Commander, Samuel Richardson.

S. V. C., Charles W. Nichols.

J. V. C., Frank Cleveland.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

\*Charles F. Tenney.

*Past Commanders.*

M. B. Grimes.

Dwight C. Cleveland.  
Charles W. Nichols.**Capt. Horace Niles Post 110, Randolph.**

Commander, \*Hiram S. Faunce.

S. V. C., \*Franklin Taylor.

J. V. C., L. A. Faunce.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

\*Lemuel Capen.

J. M. Jones.

*Past Commanders.*

W. A. Croak.

David Page.  
R. I. Jones.**Joseph E. Simmons Post 111, Pembroke.**

Commander, Benj. F. Toppan.

S. V. C., Charles H. Poole.

J. V. C., John C. Davis.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

**D. Willard Robinson Post 112, Norwell.**

Commander, \*Alfred B. Litchfield.

S. V. C., Frank Alger.

J. V. C., Benj. W. French.

*Representative.**Alternate.**Past Commander.*

John H. Prouty.

**Edward W. Kinsley Post 113, Boston.**

Commander, Oliver P. Ricker.

S. V. C., \*George W. States.

J. V. C., Charles W. Reid.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

\*Chas. L. Ridgway.

Manning Emery.

**Col. G. R. Mudge Post 114, Merrimac.**

Commander, L. B. Blaisdell.

S. V. C., E. A. Bly.

J. V. C., Charles E. Flanders.

*Representative.**Alternate.***E. S. Clark Post 115, Groton.**

Commander, Chas. H. Berry.

S. V. C., Warner H. Souther.

J. V. C., John Condon.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

Thomas Gilson.

**D. G. Farragut Post 116, Gardner.**

Commander, \*Amos E. Eaton.

S. V. C., \*John A. Byron.

J. V. C., \*William W. Caswell.

*Representative.**Alternate.**Past Commander.*

\*Roswell C. Powers.

**Moses Ellis Post 117, Medfield.**

Commander, E. C. Crocker.

S. V. C., \*Julius A. Fitts.

J. V. C., George E. Pettis.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

J. Warren Clark.

**Gen. James Bates Post 118, Swampscott.**

Commander, \*Daniel C. Beckett.

S. V. C., George Lourillard.

J. V. C., Theodore S. Wilkins.

*Representative.*

\*H. Weston Wyman.

*Alternate.*

Rufus Wentworth.

*Past Commander.*

Horace W. Wardwell.

**George G. Meade Post 119, Lexington.**

Commander, \*William B. Foster.

S. V. C., John N. Morse.

J. V. C., Everett S. Locke.

*Representative.*

George B. Dennett.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

George D. Harrington.

George N. Gurney.

**James A. Garfield Post 120, Lowell.**

Commander, Frank B. Flanders.

S. V. C., George Conway.

J. V. C., Edward F. Smith.

*Representative.*

Isaac Patnaud.

*Alternate.*

George Chase.

*Past Commanders.*

Chas. W. Nevers.

Geo. B. Barnett.

George H. Nutting.

**Timothy Ingraham Post 121, Hyde Park.**

Commander, Richard F. Boynton.

S. V. C., \*Robert L. Frampton.

J. V. C., William T. King.

*Representative.*

\*Henry B. Terry.

*Alternate.*

\*William A. Gray.

*Past Commanders.*

Walter C. Bryant.

\*James S. Mitchell.

Edwin J. Chandler.

\*Geo. E. W. Ide.

John H. Kazar.

**E. P. Wallace Post 122, Amesbury.**

Commander, \*Chas. A. Moore.

S. V. C., Geo. W. Marden.

J. V. C., Wm. H. Currier.

*Representative.*

Charles Stone.

*Alternate.*

Samuel True.

*Past Commander.*

M. M. Dennett.

**Parker Post 123, Athol.**

Commander, Lyman B. Hastings.

S. V. C., Francis R. Thomas.

J. V. C., Chester Dickenson.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

L. P. Cutler.

**W. W. Rockwell Post 125, Pittsfield.**

Commander, Edward C. Reagan.

S. V. C., Edwin Shumway.

J. V. C., William F. Hunt.

*Representatives.**Alternates.*

\*Edwin H. Lincoln.

Willis A. Crossman.

Samuel L. Caesar.

*Past Commanders.*

Francis A. Ireland.

Charles E. Johnson.

**Gen. J. Appleton Post 128, Ipswich.**

Commander, Chas. W. Bamford.

S. V. C., James H. Hull.

J. V. C., \*John W. Russell.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

Isaac W. Mitchell.

James A. Lord.

*Past Commanders.*

Philip A. Clarke.

Albert N. Nichols.

**James H. Sargent Post 130, West Medway.**

Commander, Elmer L. Videtto.

S. V. C., Dennis W. Riordan.

J. V. C., Geo. H. Scott.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

J. C. Hitchcock.

E. J. Riggs.

**Charles Chipman Post 132, Sandwich.**

Commander, \*J. Frank Giles.

S. V. C., ———

J. V. C., ———

*Representative.**Alternate.***George H. Maintien Post 133, Plainville.**

Commander, \*Granville Morse.

S. V. C., Casper Hartman.

J. V. C., \*Allen Dart.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

Charles Card.

Amos Anderson.

*Past Commander.*

H. Eugene Coombs.

**Robert A. Bell Post 134, Boston.**

Commander, \*Edward A. Ditmus.

S. V. C., Samuel W. Washington.

J. V. C., \*Amos Jackson.

*Representative.*

\*Isaac S. Mullen.

*Alternate.*

William H. Jackson.

*Past Commanders.*

\*E. George Biddle.

\*Thomas Young.

**E. A. Andrews Post 135, Shrewsbury.**

Commander, Hiram W. Loring.

S. V. C., Peter Gamache.

J. V. C., ———

*Representative.**Alternate.***Isaac Davis Post 138, West Acton.**

Commander, \*George W. Towne.

S. V. C., Alonzo Joy.

J. V. C., \*Isaac Ford.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

Lucius A. Hesselton.

*Past Commander.*

F. R. Knowlton.

**Willard C. Kinsley Post 129, Somerville.**

Commander, \*George M. Houghton.

S. V. C., M. Fitzpatrick.

J. V. C., \*Amasa E. Googins.

*Representatives.**Alternates.*

\*John S. Frost.

\*Robert K. Jones.

*Past Commanders.*

John H. Dusseault.

\*Thos. J. Buffum.

John M. Woods.

\*Walter Winward.

George H. Clapp.

George H. Goss.

Thomas F. Smith.

William W. Fish.

Dennis M. Dailey.

Charles E. Stone.

Charles O. Pratt.

**H. V. Smith Post 140, Athol.**

Commander, Chas. V. Goddard.

S. V. C., George McRea.

J. V. C., F. H. Blackmer.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

A. L. Gilson.

E. J. Faulkner.

*Past Commander.*

P. F. Nims.

**C. L. Chandler Post 143, Brookline.**

Commander, \*William B. Webber.

S. V. C., Castelly O. Norcross.

J. V. C., Prince A. Phinney.

*Representative.*

\*Theodore E. Clark.

*Alternate.*

Arthur C. Engle.

*Past Commanders.*

W. W. O'Connell.

\*Philip A. Nordell.

Augustus S. Lovell.

A. W. Bright.

Henry K. Gould.

**Charles W. Carroll Post 144, Dedham.**

Commander, \*John E. Bronson.

S. V. C., Patrick S. O'Leary.

J. V. C., Richard H. Lincoln.

*Representative.*

\*John H. Nichols.

*Alternate.*

Weston F. Hutchins.

**William A. Streeter Post 145, Attleboro.**

Commander, John W. Bean.

S. V. C., Charles D. Kinney.

J. V. C., John Dorr.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

H. A. Butterworth.

*Past Commanders.*

E. W. Rhodes.

Geo. A. Adams.

Cyrus Getchell.

W. B. Aldrich.

**General Lawton Post 146, Lawrence.**

Commander, \*John A. Brackett.

S. V. C., Thos. M. Cogswell.

J. V. C., Stephen B. Miller.

*Representative.*

Justin A. Bridges.

*Alternate.*

James Welch.

*Past Commanders.*

A. C. Bradford.

Theophilus Coupe.

A. L. Tappan.

Wm. L. Hobbs.

\*O. J. Randlett.

Charles Wainwright.

**E. M. Stanton Post 147, Amherst.**

Commander, O. W. Prouty.

S. V. C., Joel D. Kenney.

J. V. C., S. Parsons Cook.

*Representative.*

Charles S. Walker.

*Alternate.*

M. M. Morrison.

*Past Commander.*

A. W. Hall.

**Major Boyd Post 151, West Newbury.**

Commander, John A. Bradley.

S. V. C., John Preble.

J. V. C., Lewis F. Morrill.

*Representative.**Alternate.***O. H. P. Sargent Post 152, Essex.**

Commander, Albert Andrews.

S. V. C., ———

J. V. C., ———

*Representative.**Alternate.***Gilman C. Parker Post 153, Winchendon.**

Commander, Gustavus W. Jones.

S. V. C., J. L. Stevens.

J. V. C., Patrick Brabston.

*Representative.**Alternate.**Past Commander.*

H. F. Partridge.

**Martha Sever Post 154, Kingston.**

Commander, \*A. E. Lincoln.

S. V. C., George H. Bonney.

J. V. C., ———

*Representative.**Alternate.***James A. Perkins Post 156, Everett.**

Commander, \*Edwin F. Morrill.

S. V. C., \*Wm. N. Buckminster.

J. V. C., \*John L. Nicholson.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

Wm. H. Cate.

John Deguis.

*Past Commanders.*

\*S. O. Anthony.

\*George A. Parsons.

Samuel C. Lambert.

\*Henri Batchelder.

**E. B. Piper Post 157, Walpole.**

Commander, Fred A. Hartshorn.

S. V. C., ———

J. V. C., ———

*Representative.**Alternate.*

Joshua Allen.

**John A. Hawes Post 159, East Boston.**

Commander, Robert Young.

S. V. C., Wm. E. Estes.

J. V. C., William C. Hardy.

*Representative.**Alternate.**Past Commander.*

James F. Ward.

**Alan Hamilton Post 160, West Brookfield.**

Commander, George H. Allen.

S. V. C., Edwin Wilber.

J. V. C., James Mundell.

*Representative.**Alternate.***Woburn Post 161, Woburn.**

Commander, Edwin F. Wyer.

S. V. C., \*Benjamin F. Smith.

J. V. C., Austin G. French.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

A. B. Wyman.

\*Clarence Littlefield.

**Gen. J. G. Foster Post 163, Framingham.**

Commander, \*William F. Brown.

S. V. C., William H. Burke.

J. V. C., Ira L. Dunaven.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

\*Thomas A. Knowlton.

Adrial Farnsworth.

*Past Commanders.*

\*William R. Reed.

Samuel O. Staples.

**F. A. Clary Post 164, Conway.**

Commander, George A. Hassell.

S. V. C., Adelbert Bailey.

J. V. C., Ira N. Hitchcock.

*Representative.**Alternate.***Wm. Wadsworth Post 165, Duxbury.**

Commander, James K. Burgess.

S. V. C., George H. Bailey.

J. V. C., ———

*Representative.**Alternate.*

James Downey.

Waldo B. Church.

*Past Commander.*

A. M. Goulding.

**M. Ammidown Post 168, Southbridge.**

Commander, \*George W. Corey.

S. V. C., Norval Newell.

J. V. C., Baldwin J. Vinton.

*Representative.*

F. C. Merritt.

*Alternate.*

Thomas O'Hara.

**George R. Bird Post 169, Norwood.**

Commander, \*George W. Nead.

S. V. C., \*William Foreman.

J. V. C., J. E. May.

*Representative.*

\*J. H. Partridge.

*Alternate.*

Charles Shackley.

**John Rogers Post 170, Mansfield.**

Commander, \*Leander Wentworth.

S. V. C., \*Uriah Hoyett.

J. V. C., V. E. Grover.

*Representative.*

Moses L. Green.

*Alternate.*

Henry C. Hamilton.

*Past Commanders.*

\*George A. Fiske.

\*Louis A. Lauriat.

Henry C. Hamilton.

\*Alfred A. Briggs.

\*John Hannifen.

**Henry H. Johnson Post 171, Northfield.**

Commander, \*J. R. Hamilton.

S. V. C., Isaac L. Thomas.

J. V. C., A. W. Wheeler.

*Representative.*

Henry H. Morse.

*Alternate.***J. Arthur Johnson Post 173, Sturbridge.**

Commander, \*E. H. Davenport.

S. V. C., William L. Allen.

J. V. C., Melvin Booth.

*Representative.*

Louis St. John.

*Alternate.*

J. J. Shepard.

**Edwin E. Day Post 174, Greenfield.**

Commander, James A. Horton.

S. V. C., Allen Newton.

J. V. C., Richard O'Hara.

*Representative.*

\*John R. Sears.

*Alternate.*

M. L. Corbett.

**Gen. H. C. Lee Post 176, Huntington.**

Commander, H. E. Stanton.

S. V. C., ———

J. V. C., ———

*Representative.*

Leroy Warfield.

*Alternate.*

H. M. Ripley.

**Samuel F. Woods Post 179, Barre.**

Commander, Benj. F. Brooks.

S. V. C., Thos. W. Walcott.

J. V. C., Albert P. Clark.

*Representative.*

John K. Collins.

*Alternate.***Old Concord Post 180, Concord.**

Commander, William H. Hunt.

S. V. C., Andrew R. Maker.

J. V. C., Lewis H. George.

*Representative.*

————

*Alternate.*

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**C. M. Wheaton Post 182, Somerset.**

Commander, Amos C. Padelford.

S. V. C., Geo. O. Buffington.

J. V. C., Thos. A. Francis.

*Representative.*

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*Alternate.*

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**Ladd and Whitney Post 185, Lowell.**

Commander, \*Franklin S. Pevey.

S. V. C., Albert I. Gilman.

J. V. C., George E. Bryant.

*Representatives.*

\*Chas. M. Bixby.

Albert J. Bixby.

*Alternates.*

William A. Arnold.

Charles E. Chase.

*Past Commanders.*

Albert A. Davis.

George L. Adams.

Marcus L. Cowdery.

Coburn S. Smith.

**Preston Post 188, Beverly Farms.**

Commander, Benj. F. Osborn.

S. V. C., ———

J. V. C., ———

*Representative.*

Timothy Higgins.

*Alternate.*

————

**David Church Post 189, Marshfield Hills.**

Commander, James L. Roger.

S. V. C., Warren F. White.

J. V. C., Geo. Wilson.

*Representative.*

Amasa M. Bartlett.

*Alternate.*

Alonzo Ewell.

**R. A. Pierce Post 190, New Bedford.**

Commander, \*George N. Alden.

S. V. C., Henry W. Mason.

J. V. C., John V. Spare.

*Representatives.*

William F. Caswell.

Geo. P. Macomber.

*Alternates.*

Stephen V. Weaver.

William B. Hinkley.

Oscar R. Goodwin.

*Past Commanders.*

James W. Hervey.

Thomas C. Robbins.

Otis B. Phinney.

**Gettysburg Post 191, Boston.**

Commander, Edward A. Hammond.

S. V. C., \*William A. Hall.

J. V. C., \*Wm. J. Anderson.

*Representative.*

\*John H. Mace.

*Alternate.*

William H. Cook.

*Past Commander.*

William J. Hargraves.

**P. M. Whiting Post 192, North Attleborough.**

Commander, Stephen Stanley.

S. V. C., Charles W. H. Day.

J. V. C., Patrick Kivlin.

*Representative.*

John Hull.

*Alternate.*

B. F. Bronson.

**C. M. Packard Post 193, Avon.**

Commander, Ira McLaughlin.

S. V. C., M. Hunt.

J. V. C., S. Minot Crane.

*Representative.**Alternate.***Veteran Post 194, Reading.**

Commander, Walter S. Parker.

S. V. C., \*John Bacheller.

J. V. C., \*John H. Simpson.

*Representative.*

\*William H. Brooke.

*Alternate.*

Harland P. Pratt.

*Past Commanders.*

\*George A. Sargent.

\*Wm. C. M. Howe.

Ernest A. Clapp.

**Thomas A. Parker Post 195, East Pepperell.**

Commander, Otis A. Merrill.

S. V. C., Henry P. Humes.

J. V. C., Albert A. Pelton.

*Representative.*

M. Luther Boynton.

*Alternate.*

\*George A. Gay.

*Past Commander.*

George G. Tarbell.

**G. D. Anderson Post 196, Great Barrington.**

Commander, Herbert C. Joyner.

S. V. C., ———

J. V. C., ———

*Representative.**Alternate.***W. S. Eaton Post 199, Revere.**

Commander, Horace F. Forbush.

S. V. C., \*William H. Blauvelt.

J. V. C., John Maker.

*Representative.*

Lewis H. Bullard.

*Alternate.*

Julius A. Herrman.

**Boston Post 200, Jamaica Plain.**

Commander, \*George W. Green.

S. V. C., \*John Shattuck.

J. V. C., \*J. H. P. Thomas.

*Representative.*

\*Stillman D. Bond.

*Alternate.*

John A. Page.

*Past Commander.*

\*Chas. A. S. Troup.

**E. B. Nye Post 203, Bourne.**

Commander, John J. Ryder.

S. V. C., Samuel W. Morse.

J. V. C., M. V. B. Cahoon.

*Representative.*

Sylvester O. Phinney.

*Alternate.***Theo. Parkman Post 204, Centerville.**

Commander, Thomas H. Soule, Jr.

S. V. C., Edward W. Childs.

J. V. C., Clarence F. Baker.

*Representative.*

Marcus M. Haskell.

*Alternate.*

George W. Ryder.

**Thos. Gardner Post 207, Nantucket.**

Commander, Josiah F. Murphey.

S. V. C., ———

J. V. C., ———

*Representative.**Alternate.***Gen. W. T. Sherman Post 208, Wareham.**

Commander, James A. Harlow.

S. V. C., John Campbell.

J. V. C., Henry O. Windsor.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

Cornelius Haggerty.

**E. P. Hopkins Post 209, Williamstown.**

Commander, William R. Stocking.

S. V. C., Henry Norboy.

J. V. C., M. M. Watkins.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

Harrison White.

**A. C. Monroe Post 212, East Bridgewater.**

Commander, Charles E. Allen.

S. V. C., George Bagnell.

J. V. C., Edmund Howard.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

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**ADDRESS OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER HENRY N. COMEY.**

COMRADES:— One year ago you elected to be your Commander for the ensuing year, William L. Gage, a most worthy comrade, modest, capable, and lovable.

My anticipations of perfecting myself for a step higher under his guidance and leadership were many and large.

His departure so early was a great loss to us all and especially to me who was illy prepared for the office of Commander; and I am indebted to you beyond measure for kindness and help. You have all carried out the principles of our order; and the pride in and of you, expressed a year ago, has increased — as I look into your faces today and as long as my mind carries, you will be held in grateful remembrance.

I bid you a hearty welcome to the Sixtieth Encampment of the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic.

**MEMBERSHIP.**

You are referred to the report of our Assistant Adjutant General for the number and condition of Comrades on our Rolls.

Several Posts having but two members, are still camping on the trail with determination to hold on to the end.

We admire their loyalty.

May all who are free from suffering linger to enjoy the kind attention of our good friends who take pleasure in serving us.

We refer you to the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General Sanborn for the statement of our finances.

#### MEMORIAL DAY.

Day of all days for the Veterans of the Civil War. We see again the comrade that shared with us his little "pup" tent, his blankets, and his canteen; the last hardtack, and piece of raw salt pork in his haversack — who snuggled up to us to keep warm in the chill of a winter night.

How we love to dwell on those acts of devotion and comradeship.

We cannot deny a feeling of pride as we pass along the way, and note the admiration of the onlookers. Kind friends are always ready to help as we approach with bowed heads, the last resting place of comrades and dear ones.

#### THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

The welcome of Grand Rapids to the Fifty-ninth National Encampment was beyond our expectation, even with the memory of Des Moines still fresh. National Senior Vice-Commander Wetherbee, as usual, carried out all the detail of the excursion, relieving the delegates and friends of all care; and we landed at the station on time. The Convention was a lively one. The loud calls of Commander in Chief from scores of persistent delegates did not add to the enjoyment of the proceedings. Senior Vice-Commander in Chief Wetherbee was very efficient and made us a good showing on the platform. He could be heard and was called for as a reader.

National Chief of Staff Comrade Hosley was at his best in action.

The Convention carried on and closed in much shorter time than usual.

Des Moines was on hand with a strong delegation and request for the next National Encampment to be held in the Capital of Iowa.

The invitation was unanimously accepted.

Our next pilgrimage will be to Des Moines, Iowa, September 19 to 25, 1926.

#### ARMY NURSES.

The Department Commander recalls his return to consciousness in a hospital at Nashville, Tenn., in the fall of 1863.

The presence and service of the Army Nurses will always be held in grateful remembrance by all who have been under their care.

#### WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

The Pioneer Auxiliary of the G. A. R. Though the Veterans are fast passing, the work of the Relief Corps is more and more exacting, because the Corps has added to its service to the Veteran, Child Welfare in its widening activities; to the orphan, to the alien, Medals for good citizenship practice in public schools, in the community and home, a work that pays 100 per cent to all who come in contact with it.

The Relief Corps of Ashland, Milford, Hopkinton, Danvers and Peabody have taken up the work and are presenting the medal to the schools for good conduct. It is patriotism in action, its result is producing good citizens.

#### LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

Vying with the Woman's Relief Corp is this kindred organization; always loyal, watchful and helpful, for which they have our thanks.

## DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR.

This Auxiliary has been very active the past year; several new tents have been installed, and interest in the older tents is now at summit.

The future of their service in line of duty is assured.

## SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Are constant in their service and we rejoice as we realize the high character and ability of their leaders.

## SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR AUXILIARY.

We admire the loyal support this Society gives to us and to the Sons of Veterans.

## SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

An organization is known by the character of its Officers, and we are honored by association with them in our life and duty to our community.

## THE AMERICAN LEGION AND VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

We have found these Comrades loyal to the G. A. R. They have taken us into their confidence, and we find our interests are in common.

Their loyal sentiments and purposes so eloquently spoken by their leaders from the platform, give confidence for the future.

We look to them for the best interests of the Commonwealth.

## SOLDIERS' HOME, CHELSEA.

In Commander Chas. W. Parker we have a Superintendent every way worthy of the confidence of the inmates and their relatives, the Surgeons, Trustees, the Governor of the Commonwealth, and the public.

I am proud to know the Board of Trustees; they are giving to their duty the best that is in them — Chairman Col. Keville and Secretary MacCabe, who by their office are most in evidence, are doing earnest work for the good of the Home.

## GOVERNOR JOHN A. ANDREW HOME.

In the direction of doing our best wherever there is an opportunity, this Home should command our support. Every time we visit there, the evidence of its splendid work is multiplied.

Your Commander desires that the G. A. R. Posts having a surplus fund, send checks to Mrs. Lue Stuart Wadsworth, to see that she does not want for supplies.

She is giving her all, even her life for the comfort and happiness of these comrades, wives, and widows who need a home in their last days. We who have visited the home realize in some measure the work and responsibility of managing so skillfully the home so much enjoyed by its inmates. We ask you to see it for yourself and you, too, will be a *friend* to the home.

## DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

It has been a year of pleasure to associate with the comrades selected a year ago to carry on the duties of the department for 1925 and 1926.

It has been constantly a happy family. Earnest in its purpose and action to serve the best interests of the G. A. R., Auxiliaries and Veterans of all wars, to whom we are indebted for many hours of pleasure.

The Commander is indebted to you for what success there has been in this year's service. You have my sincere thanks for your loyalty and efficiency.

I have been at Headquarters much of the time and I have always found Comrades Wetherbee and Nordell at their desks, courteous, patient and helpful to all.

The work of the Assistant Adjutant General's Office increases, as the number of Veterans decreases because old age prevents efficiency of Post Officers in making reports and accounting.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

I recommend the sum of \$1,200 be appropriated for the salary of Assistant Adjutant General; and the sum of \$500 for the salary of the Headquarters' Clerk.

I recommend that \$500 be appropriated to defray the traveling expenses of the Department Commander and of such other officers as he may detail to attend Camp Fires, County Associations and functions that may seem desirable that the Department should be officially represented.

I recommend also that a sufficient sum be appropriated to maintain Department Headquarters and of the Department Commander and of the Assistant Adjutant General at the National Encampment to be held in Des Moines, Iowa, during the week commencing September 19, 1926.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

It is not practical to name each one to whom the Department is indebted for many favors. To Mrs. Bertha Walker, President of the W. R. C., and to the Corps Members who have been loyal and efficient in serving us and to the Officers and Members of all allied organizations, my sincere thanks are due. I know you will find Senior Vice-Commander Brown and Junior Vice-Commander Monk my worthy successors.

I have depended very much on our Assistant Adjutant General Wetherbee. He has always been ready to assist me and every Comrade who has sought his counsel.

To Mayor Curley and other City of Boston Officials, we are indebted for many favors. "His Honor" is a warm friend to the Veterans of all wars and especially to the G. A. R. We recall with pleasure that courteous gentleman, so loyal and eloquent, Standish Wilcox, whose greatest pleasure was to serve the Grand Army of the Republic.

#### THE FLAG PLEDGE.

It is exceedingly important that the Pledge to the Flag be uniform wherever given. The Pledge as adopted by the Army and Navy of the United States, The Grand Army of the Republic, The Ladies of the G. A. R., sixty-eight organizations assembled in Washington, D. C., Flag Day, June 14, 1924, and recommended to the schools of Massachusetts by Commissioner Hon. Payson Smith and other organizations is:

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation indivisible with Liberty and Justice for all."

Whereas: Your Department Commander during his term has attended many meetings and heard the Pledge and not once has it been given uniformly by all; and whereas all schools, churches and associations should give the same Pledge it is recommended that committees from each Auxiliary of the G. A. R. meet and work for a uniform Pledge for the good of the orders.

Our organization has carried on three score years through storm and sunshine;—proud of its Comrades and the record they have maintained still determined to fulfill its mission and in due time pass from this scene *leaving Old Glory Supreme.*

## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER.

BOSTON, MASS., March 1, 1926.

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, *Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R.*

DEAR COMRADE:—In accordance with the requirements of the Dept. of Massachusetts, G. A. R., I have the honor to submit my report as Senior Vice-Dept. Commander. At the annual Encampment held in April, 1925, I was elected Junior Vice-Dept. Commander but early in his Administration our loved and honored Commander was stricken with a fatal illness and passed away to that bourne from which no traveler returns. A meeting of the Council of Administration was called, at which I was advanced to Senior Vice-Commander. In accordance with my duties I attended the National Encampment at Grand Rapids, Michigan. I felt very proud of the Dept. on the day of the parade, but we need music on all such occasions. I have attended several Installations, receptions and Social Gatherings of the G. A. R. and its Auxiliaries, and very many County Association meetings and have been fraternally received on all occasions. My thanks are due to Commander Henry N. Comey for courtesies received during the year, and also to all other Department Officers, and to all Comrades of the Department.

Fraternally,

WILLIAM F. BROWN, *Senior Vice-Commander,*  
*Department of Massachusetts, G. A. R.*

## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT JUNIOR VICE-COMMANDER.

BRAINTREE, MASS., March 1, 1926.

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, *A. A. G.*

DEAR COMRADE:—In accordance with the usual custom, I have the honor to submit my report as Junior Vice-Commander of the Department of Massachusetts, G. A. R.

By reason of the death of our beloved Comrade William L. Gage, Department Commander, and the promotion of Comrade William F. Brown to the office of Senior Vice-Commander, on May 19, 1925, I was appointed to the office of Junior Vice-Commander. I have attended meetings of County Associations in Suffolk, Middlesex and Norfolk Counties, also the anniversaries of several Posts, and other patriotic meetings, and installed the officers of two Posts. I have been ready at all times to perform any duty that might be required of me and I wish to thank the Comrades of the Department for the honor they have conferred upon me and the courtesy with which I have always been received.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

HENRY A. MONK, *Junior Vice-Commander.*

## REPORT OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR

MALDEN, MASS., March 1, 1926.

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, *Asst. Adj. Gen.*

COMRADE:—Another year has rolled around and we meet again with our ranks rapidly decreasing. Each Post feels the loss of its members and we often wonder how much longer they will be able to hold meetings—for our boys are getting so feeble that it is almost impossible for them to attend and it has been thought wise to hold most of the meetings in the afternoon. The infirmities of old age have taken hold of me and I deeply regret that I have been unable

to attend the functions given by the different organizations. To your State officials, my heart is still warm with love and interest, for I consider the G. A. R. the dearest of all the different orders to which I belong, and I extend my sincere thanks for the honor you gave me at our last annual meeting.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

W. B. WHITING, M.D., *Medical Director.*

## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

NORWOOD, MASS., Feb. 12, 1926.

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, *Assistant Adjutant General.*

COMRADE: — I have the honor to submit the following report: There was a very gratifying increase in the number of reports sent in from our posts after our last Memorial Day.

One hundred and nine reported services held at that time. The previous year only forty-five were heard from. Comrades, this is encouraging. May we not have a report from every post in the department soon after Memorial Day 1926, and show that we are not only "alive" but "up and coming", also the banner department of the Grand Army of the Republic?

We all thank God, I am sure, for prolonging our lives, and for being able to attend another encampment. The good spirit of comradeship prevails with us which we all highly prize. Our allied orders continue to give us their hearty and loyal support. Let us "Keep Step" together in our remaining marches, and "touch elbows" until the command "halt" is given when we shall all receive our final promotion from the hands of our Great Commander.

"Touch the elbow now, my boys,  
Comrades, touch the elbow,  
Nerve the hand, and banish fear;  
Comrades, touch the elbow."

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

GEORGE W. NEAD, *Department Chaplain.*

## REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL.

BOSTON, March 1, 1926.

HENRY N. COMEY, *Department Commander.*

COMRADE: — I have the honor to render my report as Assistant Adjutant-General for the year ending February 28, 1926. The following table shows the membership of the Department, December 31, 1925.

|                                                             |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Number of Posts . . . . .                                   | 161   |
| Number of comrades in good standing Dec. 31, 1924 . . . . . | 3,117 |
| Number gained by muster-in . . . . .                        | 17    |
| Number gained by transfer . . . . .                         | 25    |
| Number gained by reinstatement . . . . .                    | 5     |
| Number gained from delinquent reports . . . . .             | 3     |

|                      |    |
|----------------------|----|
| Total gain . . . . . | 50 |
|----------------------|----|

|                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| Aggregate . . . . . | 3,167 |
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|------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Number of comrades lost by death . . . . .           | 437         |
| Number lost by honorable discharge . . . . .         | 3           |
| Number lost by transfer . . . . .                    | 9           |
| Number lost by suspension . . . . .                  | 8           |
| Number lost by delinquent reports . . . . .          | 11          |
| Number lost by surrender of charter . . . . .        | 32          |
| Total loss . . . . .                                 | 500         |
| Membership in good standing Dec. 31, 1925 . . . . .  | 2,667       |
| Net loss . . . . .                                   | 450         |
| There has been reported expended in relief . . . . . | \$10,446.77 |
| Number of members and families relieved . . . . .    | 114         |

The loss by death of 437 shows that 14 per cent of our membership of last year passed over the dark river into the Camping Ground above. The list of Past Department Commanders was depleted by the death of our beloved Commander William L. Gage, who passed on May 12, and Comrade Daniel E. Denny, who passed out at his Florida home Nov. 17, 1925. He served as Department Commander in 1917.

The following Posts, seven in number have surrendered their charters during the year: 91 Foxboro, 127 Hanson, 148 Winchester, 149 Charlestown, 167 Whitinsville, 181 Needham, 197 Pittsfield. Post 197 consolidated with Post 125 of Pittsfield. Of the 161 Posts in good standing 29 have 5 members or less, 44 Posts between five and ten members, 42 Posts between ten and twenty, 21 between twenty and thirty, 13 between thirty and forty, 6 between forty and fifty, and 6 Posts with more than fifty.

The attention of Post Officers is called to the fact that if it is found necessary to surrender the charter of a Post, it is necessary to advise the Department Headquarters of its intention, and must see that the charter is either placed in the custody of a Public Library or Historical Society, or returned to these Headquarters. Books of Records of the post should go with the charter.

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP BY DISTRICTS, AND OF THE NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT TO WHICH EACH DISTRICT IS ENTITLED IN 1925.

|                          | COUNTIES.                                                          | Members.           | Representatives. |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| District No. 1 . . . . . | { Barnstable . . . . .<br>Bristol . . . . .<br>Nantucket . . . . . | { 16<br>194<br>6 } | 216              |
| District No. 2 . . . . . | { Plymouth . . . . .                                               | { 190              | 2                |
| District No. 3 . . . . . | { Norfolk . . . . .                                                | { 174              | 2                |
| District No. 4 . . . . . | { Suffolk . . . . .                                                | { 387              | 4                |
| District No. 5 . . . . . | { Essex . . . . .                                                  | { 515              | 5                |
| District No. 6 . . . . . | { Middlesex . . . . .                                              | { 520              | 5                |
| District No. 7 . . . . . | { Worcester . . . . .                                              | { 380              | 4                |
| District No. 8 . . . . . | { Hampden . . . . .                                                | { 103              | 1                |
| District No. 9 . . . . . | { Berkshire . . . . .<br>Franklin . . . . .<br>Hampshire . . . . . | { 66<br>54<br>62 } | 182              |
|                          |                                                                    | 2,667              | 27               |

The following table shows the membership by counties in detail:

SIXTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT  
TABULATED REPORT BY COUNTIES.

| Number<br>of Post. | LOCATION.                 | Number<br>of Mem-<br>bers. | Number<br>of Post. | LOCATION.                  | Number<br>of Mem-<br>bers. |
|--------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|                    | <i>Barnstable County.</i> |                            |                    | <i>Essex County — Con.</i> |                            |
| 132                | Sandwich . . .            | 7                          | 151                | West Newbury . .           | 3                          |
| 203                | Bourne . . .              | 3                          | 152                | Essex . . .                | 3                          |
| 204                | Centerville . . .         | 6                          | 188                | Beverly Farms . .          | 2                          |
|                    | Total (3 Posts) .         | 16                         |                    | Total (23 Posts) .         | 515                        |
|                    | <i>Berkshire County.</i>  |                            |                    | <i>Franklin County.</i>    |                            |
| 79                 | North Adams . .           | 21                         | 17                 | Orange . . .               | 13                         |
| 125                | Pittsfield . . .          | 32                         | 93                 | Shelburne Falls . .        | 8                          |
| 196                | Great Barrington .        | 7                          | 164                | Conway . . .               | 4                          |
| 209                | Williamstown . .          | 6                          | 171                | Northfield . . .           | 4                          |
|                    | Total (4 Posts) .         | 66                         | 174                | Greenfield . . .           | 25                         |
|                    | <i>Bristol County.</i>    |                            |                    | Total (5 Posts) .          | 54                         |
| 1                  | New Bedford . .           | 26                         |                    | <i>Hampden County.</i>     |                            |
| 3                  | Taunton . . .             | 38                         | 16                 | Springfield . . .          | 70                         |
| 46                 | Fall River . . .          | 30                         | 41                 | Westfield . . .            | 11                         |
| 52                 | Eastondale . . .          | 7                          | 71                 | Holyoke . . .              | 22                         |
| 145                | Attleboro . . .           | 22                         |                    | Total (3 Posts) .          | 103                        |
| 170                | Mansfield . . .           | 13                         |                    | <i>Hampshire County.</i>   |                            |
| 182                | Somerset . . .            | 5                          | 85                 | Ware . . .                 | 10                         |
| 190                | New Bedford . .           | 44                         | 86                 | Northampton . .            | 33                         |
| 192                | North Attleborough        | 9                          | 147                | Amherst . . .              | 13                         |
|                    | Total (9 Posts) .         | 194                        | 176                | Huntington . . .           | 6                          |
|                    | <i>Essex County.</i>      |                            |                    | Total (4 Posts) .          | 62                         |
| 5                  | Lynn . . .                | 114                        |                    | <i>Middlesex County.</i>   |                            |
| 34                 | Salem . . .               | 54                         | 4                  | Melrose . . .              | 21                         |
| 39                 | Lawrence . . .            | 25                         | 6                  | Holliston . . .            | 8                          |
| 45                 | Gloucester . . .          | 17                         | 9                  | Hudson . . .               | 14                         |
| 47                 | Haverhill . . .           | 47                         | 12                 | Wakefield . . .            | 22                         |
| 49                 | Newburyport . .           | 49                         | 14                 | Hopkinton . . .            | 11                         |
| 50                 | Peabody . . .             | 20                         | 18                 | Ashland . . .              | 3                          |
| 67                 | Manchester . . .          | 2                          | 29                 | Waltham . . .              | 19                         |
| 82                 | Marblehead . . .          | 28                         | 30                 | Cambridge . . .            | 25                         |
| 89                 | Beverly . . .             | 34                         | 33                 | Woburn . . .               | 3                          |
| 90                 | Danvers . . .             | 21                         | 36                 | Arlington . . .            | 16                         |
| 95                 | Saugus . . .              | 6                          | 40                 | Malden . . .               | 32                         |
| 99                 | Andover . . .             | 7                          | 42                 | Lowell . . .               | 15                         |
| 101                | Groveland . . .           | 6                          | 43                 | Marlborough . .            | 18                         |
| 106                | Rockport . . .            | 5                          | 48                 | Ayer . . .                 | 13                         |
| 108                | Georgetown . . .          | 6                          | 56                 | Cambridge . . .            | 11                         |
| 114                | Merrimac . . .            | 13                         | 62                 | Newtonville . . .          | 42                         |
| 118                | Swampscott . . .          | 9                          | 63                 | Natick . . .               | 20                         |
| 122                | Amesbury . . .            | 9                          | 66                 | Medford . . .              | 17                         |
| 128                | Ipswich . . .             | 13                         |                    |                            |                            |
| 146                | Lawrence . . .            | 25                         |                    |                            |                            |

TABULATED REPORT BY COUNTIES — *Continued.*

| Number of Post. | LOCATION.                 | Number of Mem- bers. | Number of Post. | LOCATION.                | Number of Mem- bers. |
|-----------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
|                 | <i>Middlesex County —</i> |                      |                 | <i>Plymouth County —</i> |                      |
|                 | Con.                      |                      |                 | Con.                     |                      |
| 75              | Stoneham . . .            | 23                   | 74              | Rockland . . .           | 20                   |
| 81              | Watertown . . .           | 10                   | 76              | Plymouth . . .           | 18                   |
| 115             | Groton . . .              | 4                    | 78              | Whitman . . .            | 16                   |
| 119             | Lexington . . .           | 5                    | 83              | Hanover . . .            | 6                    |
| 120             | Lowell . . .              | 23                   | 104             | Hingham . . .            | 8                    |
| 138             | West Acton . . .          | 13                   | 111             | Pembroke . . .           | 4                    |
| 139             | Somerville . . .          | 37                   | 112             | Norwell . . .            | 7                    |
| 156             | Everett . . .             | 14                   | 154             | Kingston . . .           | 2                    |
| 161             | Woburn . . .              | 10                   | 165             | Duxbury . . .            | 4                    |
| 163             | Framingham . . .          | 18                   | 189             | Marshfield Hills . . .   | 10                   |
| 180             | Concord . . .             | 7                    | 208             | Wareham . . .            | 4                    |
| 185             | Lowell . . .              | 27                   | 212             | East Bridgewater . . .   | 3                    |
| 194             | Reading . . .             | 11                   |                 |                          |                      |
| 195             | East Pepperell . . .      | 8                    |                 | Total (16 Posts) . . .   | 190                  |
|                 | Total (32 Posts)          | 520                  |                 |                          |                      |
|                 | <i>Nantucket County</i>   |                      |                 | <i>Suffolk County.</i>   |                      |
| 207             | Nantucket . . .           | 6                    | 2               | South Boston . . .       | 20                   |
|                 | Total (1 Post) . . .      | 6                    | 7               | Boston . . .             | 35                   |
|                 | <i>Norfolk County.</i>    |                      | 11              | Charlestown . . .        | 29                   |
| 58              | East Weymouth . . .       | 29                   | 15              | Boston . . .             | 43                   |
| 60              | Franklin . . .            | 9                    | 21              | Boston . . .             | 4                    |
| 72              | Stoughton . . .           | 18                   | 23              | East Boston . . .        | 11                   |
| 87              | South Braintree . . .     | 8                    | 26              | Roxbury . . .            | 36                   |
| 88              | Quincy . . .              | 14                   | 32              | South Boston . . .       | 9                    |
| 94              | Canton . . .              | 9                    | 35              | Chelsea . . .            | 38                   |
| 102             | Milton . . .              | 9                    | 68              | Dorchester . . .         | 32                   |
| 110             | Randolph . . .            | 19                   | 92              | Brighton . . .           | 15                   |
| 117             | Medfield . . .            | 4                    | 113             | Boston . . .             | 36                   |
| 130             | West Medway . . .         | 10                   | 121             | Hyde Park . . .          | 20                   |
| 133             | Plainville . . .          | 8                    | 134             | Boston . . .             | 13                   |
| 143             | Brookline . . .           | 14                   | 159             | East Boston . . .        | 7                    |
| 144             | Dedham . . .              | 10                   | 191             | Boston . . .             | 22                   |
| 157             | Walpole . . .             | 2                    | 199             | Revere . . .             | 6                    |
| 169             | Norwood . . .             | 7                    | 200             | Jamaica Plain . . .      | 11                   |
| 193             | Avon . . .                | 4                    |                 | Total (18 Posts) . . .   | 387                  |
|                 | Total (16 Posts) . . .    | 174                  |                 | <i>Worcester County.</i> |                      |
|                 | <i>Plymouth County.</i>   |                      | 10              | Worcester . . .          | 133                  |
| 8               | Middleborough . . .       | 27                   | 19              | Fitchburg . . .          | 36                   |
| 13              | Brockton . . .            | 41                   | 22              | Milford . . .            | 18                   |
| 31              | Scituate . . .            | 10                   | 24              | Grafton . . .            | 5                    |
| 73              | Abington . . .            | 10                   | 27              | Oxford . . .             | 2                    |
|                 |                           |                      | 37              | Spencer . . .            | 11                   |
|                 |                           |                      | 38              | Brookfield . . .         | 3                    |
|                 |                           |                      | 44              | Southborough . . .       | 6                    |
|                 |                           |                      | 51              | North Brookfield . . .   | 7                    |

TABULATED REPORT BY COUNTIES — *Concluded.*

| Number<br>of Post. | LOCATION.                 | Number<br>of Mem-<br>bers. | Number<br>of Post. | LOCATION.                 | Number<br>of Mem-<br>bers. |
|--------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
|                    | <i>Worcester County —</i> |                            |                    | <i>Worcester County —</i> |                            |
|                    | Con.                      |                            |                    | Con.                      |                            |
| 53                 | Leominster . . .          | 23                         | 123                | Athol Center . .          | 12                         |
| 61                 | Webster . . .             | 13                         | 135                | Shrewsbury . .            | 2                          |
| 64                 | Clinton . . .             | 11                         | 140                | Athol . . .               | 10                         |
| 69                 | Westminster . .           | 3                          | 153                | Winchendon . .            | 7                          |
| 70                 | Millbury . . .            | 4                          | 160                | West Brookfield .         | 7                          |
| 77                 | Holden . . .              | 5                          | 168                | Southbridge . .           | 12                         |
| 80                 | Westborough . .           | 11                         | 173                | Sturbridge . .            | 7                          |
| 105                | Upton . . .               | 5                          | 179                | Barre . . .               | 9                          |
| 109                | East Templeton .          | 10                         |                    |                           |                            |
| 116                | Gardner . . .             | 18                         |                    | Total (27 Posts) .        | 380                        |

To you, Commander, I tender my sincere thanks for my appointment as Assistant Adjutant-General and if my efforts have pleased you I am content.

Our year together has been a pleasant one and will be a happy memory in years to come.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, *Adjutant-General.*

## REPORT OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL.

Boston, March 1, 1926.

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, *Assistant Adjutant-General.*

COMRADE:—I have the honor to submit herewith my report of the transactions of this office during the past year. The following tables, which are supported by vouchers, show all receipts and expenditures of funds which have come into my possession.

## INVESTED FUNDS.

March 1, 1925.

|                                                               |            |             |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Cash on hand March 1, 1925 . . . . .                          | \$4,390 25 |             |
| Transferred from General Fund . . . . .                       | 2,000 00   |             |
| Received interest Boston Five Cent Savings Bank . . . . .     | 59 52      |             |
| Received interest Warren Institution for Savings . . . . .    | 62 66      |             |
| Received interest Home Savings Bank . . . . .                 | 33 60      |             |
| Received interest East Cambridge Savings Bank . . . . .       | 62 30      |             |
| Received interest Provident Institution for Savings . . . . . | 18 70      |             |
| Received interest South Boston Savings Bank . . . . .         | 7 36       |             |
| Total in Savings Banks . . . . .                              |            | \$6,634 39  |
| Invested in Liberty Bonds . . . . .                           |            | 5,000 00    |
| Total . . . . .                                               |            | \$11,634 39 |
| Amount carried forward . . . . .                              |            | \$11,634 39 |

*Amount brought forward* . . . . . \$11,634 39

## GENERAL FUND.

*Receipts.***March 1, 1925.**

|                                         |            |             |
|-----------------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Cash on hand . . . . .                  | \$2,832 31 |             |
| Dues, first term . . . . .              | 468 90     |             |
| Dues, second term . . . . .             | 407 00     |             |
| Sale of Supplies . . . . .              | 239 87     |             |
| Interest, Atlantic Bank . . . . .       | 17 59      |             |
| Commonwealth of Massachusetts . . . . . | 675 50     |             |
| Ladies of the G. A. R. . . . .          | 100 00     |             |
| Daughters of Union Veterans . . . . .   | 500 00     |             |
| Woman's Relief Corps . . . . .          | 600 00     |             |
| Sale of Banquet Tickets . . . . .       | 252 00     |             |
| All other sources . . . . .             | 10 07      |             |
| Total Receipts . . . . .                | \$6,103 24 |             |
| Tranferred to Invested Fund . . . . .   | 2,000 00   |             |
|                                         | <hr/>      |             |
|                                         | \$4,103 24 |             |
| Total expenditures . . . . .            | 3,268 73   |             |
| Cash on hand March 1, 1926 . . . . .    |            | \$834 51    |
|                                         |            | <hr/>       |
| Cash in both funds . . . . .            |            | \$12,468 90 |

*Expenditures.***March, 1925.**

|                                                   |         |         |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| B. A. Ham, Travelling . . . . .                   | \$30 15 |         |
| A. C. Morrill, Printing . . . . .                 | 13 00   |         |
| U. S. Post Office, Deposit on Envelopes . . . . . | 4 08    |         |
| Boston Regalia Co., Supplies . . . . .            | 2 05    |         |
| A. C. Morrill, Printing . . . . .                 | 3 00    |         |
| W. A. Wetherbee, Travelling . . . . .             | 2 88    |         |
| P. A. Nordell, Salary for March . . . . .         | 41 66   |         |
|                                                   | <hr/>   |         |
|                                                   |         | \$96 82 |

**April, 1925.**

|                                                     |        |        |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Damon Co., Supplies . . . . .                       | \$0 40 |        |
| W. A. Wetherbee, Salary for March . . . . .         | 100 00 |        |
| U. S. Post Office, Envelopes . . . . .              | 20 00  |        |
| Horace Goodwin, Travelling . . . . .                | 2 45   |        |
| O'Neil & Parker, Bond . . . . .                     | 12 50  |        |
| Baptist Social Union, Hall . . . . .                | 37 50  |        |
| C. C. Whittemore, Catering . . . . .                | 250 00 |        |
| William Green, Expressing . . . . .                 | 3 00   |        |
| S. S. Pierce Co., Banquet . . . . .                 | 20 00  |        |
| Janitor, Faneuil Hall, Services . . . . .           | 5 00   |        |
| Encampment Expense . . . . .                        | 3 58   |        |
| U. S. Post Office, Stamps . . . . .                 | 1 00   |        |
| Bates Torrey, Stenographer . . . . .                | 114 00 |        |
| A C. Morrill, Printing . . . . .                    | 20 00  |        |
| P. A. Nordell, Salary for April . . . . .           | 41 66  |        |
| J. A. Whipple, Commander-in-Chief Expense . . . . . | 20 50  |        |
| B. A. Ham, Travelling . . . . .                     | 19 62  |        |
| W. A. Wetherbee, Travelling . . . . .               | 8 48   |        |
|                                                     | <hr/>  |        |
|                                                     |        | 679 69 |
|                                                     |        | <hr/>  |

*Amount carried forward* . . . . . \$776 51

*Amount brought forward* . . . . . \$776 51

**May, 1925.**

|                                                  |         |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Boston Regalia Co., Flag . . . . .               | \$75 00 |
| W. A. Wetherbee, Salary for April . . . . .      | 100 00  |
| Griffith Stillings Press, Letter-heads . . . . . | 5 30    |
| Emerson & Co., Rubber Stamps . . . . .           | 9 50    |
| Wright & Potter Co. . . . .                      | 5 75    |
| W. A. Wetherbee, Travelling . . . . .            | 9 70    |
| New England Telephone Co. . . . .                | 35      |
| U. S. Post Office, Stamps . . . . .              | 2 17    |
| Stamps . . . . .                                 | 08      |

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\$207 85

**June, 1925.**

|                                              |         |
|----------------------------------------------|---------|
| Philip A. Nordell, Salary for May . . . . .  | \$41 66 |
| Boston Regalia Co., Supplies . . . . .       | 1 18    |
| Boston Regalia Co., Supplies . . . . .       | 2 34    |
| Boston Regalia Co., Supplies . . . . .       | 3 75    |
| A. C. Morrill, Printing . . . . .            | 11 00   |
| W. A. Wetherbee, Salary for May . . . . .    | 100 00  |
| Stamps . . . . .                             | 30      |
| J. Newman & Sons, Gage wreath . . . . .      | 8 00    |
| Western Union Tel. Co. . . . .               | 30      |
| A. C. Morrill, Rosters . . . . .             | 90 00   |
| Stamps . . . . .                             | 75      |
| C. D. R. Stowits, Per Capita Tax . . . . .   | 155 85  |
| Philip A. Nordell, Salary for June . . . . . | 41 66   |
| Stamps . . . . .                             | 80      |
| Stamps . . . . .                             | 3 00    |

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460 59

**July, 1925.**

|                                            |          |
|--------------------------------------------|----------|
| W. A. Wetherbee, Salary for June . . . . . | \$100 00 |
| Emerson & Co., Rubber Stamp . . . . .      | 2 25     |
| A. C. Morrill, Printing . . . . .          | 20 50    |
| Stamps . . . . .                           | 1 03     |
| Sampson Murdock Co., Directory . . . . .   | 10 00    |
| W. A. Wetherbee, Travelling . . . . .      | 15 52    |
| Damon Co., Record Books . . . . .          | 3 00     |
| A. C. Morrill, Printing . . . . .          | 1 50     |
| L. E. Muran . . . . .                      | 29 75    |

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183 55

**August, 1925.**

|                                                        |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| W. A. Wetherbee, Salary for July . . . . .             | \$100 00 |
| P. A. Nordell, Salary for July . . . . .               | 41 66    |
| Boston Regalia Co., Wreaths . . . . .                  | 5 00     |
| New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co. . . . .                       | 1 85     |
| U. S. Post Office, Stamped Envelopes . . . . .         | 2 22     |
| U. S. Post Office, Dep. on Stamped Envelopes . . . . . | 6 69     |
| A. C. Morrill, Printing . . . . .                      | 9 50     |
| Damon & Co., Paper . . . . .                           | 2 25     |
| U. S. Post Office, Stamped Envelopes . . . . .         | 45 00    |
| P. A. Nordell, Salary for August . . . . .             | 41 66    |
| W. A. Wetherbee, Salary for August . . . . .           | 100 00   |
| National Encampment Expense . . . . .                  | 277 07   |
| Damon & Co. . . . .                                    | 4 25     |
| Stamps . . . . .                                       | 80       |

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637 95

*Amount carried forward* . . . . . \$2,266 45

*Amount brought forward* . . . . . \$2,266 45

**September, 1925.**

|                                        |        |       |
|----------------------------------------|--------|-------|
| New England Tel. & Tel. Co. . . . .    | \$0 20 |       |
| Boston Regalia Co., Supplies . . . . . | 6 60   |       |
| Cola D. R. Stowits, Supplies . . . . . | 19 56  |       |
| William Green, Express . . . . .       | 1 00   |       |
| Stamps . . . . .                       | 1 04   |       |
|                                        |        | <hr/> |
|                                        |        | 28 40 |

**October, 1925.**

|                                                   |        |        |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| W. A. Wetherbee, Salary for September . . . . .   | \$1 00 |        |
| Philip A. Nordell, Salary for September . . . . . | 41 66  |        |
| New England Tel. & Tel. Co. . . . .               | 10     |        |
| Boston Regalia Co. . . . .                        | 12 90  |        |
| W. A. Wetherbee, Travelling . . . . .             | 12 12  |        |
| Stamps . . . . .                                  | 36     |        |
|                                                   |        | <hr/>  |
|                                                   |        | 167 14 |

**November, 1925.**

|                                                  |          |        |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------|--------|
| W. A. Wetherbee, Salary for October . . . . .    | \$100 00 |        |
| Philip A. Nordell, Salary for October . . . . .  | 41 66    |        |
| A. C. Morrill, Printing . . . . .                | 19 50    |        |
| New England Publishing Co., Pathfinder . . . . . | 2 50     |        |
| Postage . . . . .                                | 21       |        |
| A. C. Morrill, Printing . . . . .                | 18 00    |        |
| A. C. Morrill, Printing . . . . .                | 4 50     |        |
| New England Tel. & Tel. Co. . . . .              | 40       |        |
|                                                  |          | <hr/>  |
|                                                  |          | 186 77 |

**December, 1925.**

|                                                   |          |        |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------|--------|
| W. A. Wetherbee, Salary for November . . . . .    | \$100 00 |        |
| Philip A. Nordell, Salary for November . . . . .  | 41 66    |        |
| New England Tel. & Tel. Co. . . . .               | 20       |        |
| Damon Co., Supplies . . . . .                     | 1 75     |        |
| W. A. Wetherbee, Travelling . . . . .             | 10 49    |        |
| A. C. Morrill, Printing . . . . .                 | 11 00    |        |
| U. S. Post Office, Deposit on Envelopes . . . . . | 2 16     |        |
| Damon Co., Supplies . . . . .                     | 24       |        |
| Stamps . . . . .                                  | 90       |        |
|                                                   |          | <hr/>  |
|                                                   |          | 168 40 |

**January, 1926.**

|                                                |          |        |
|------------------------------------------------|----------|--------|
| W. A. Wetherbee, Salary for December . . . . . | \$100 00 |        |
| P. A. Nordell, Salary for December . . . . .   | 41 66    |        |
| Stamps . . . . .                               | 1 65     |        |
| A. C. Morrill, Printing . . . . .              | 2 15     |        |
| U. S. Post Office, Stamped Envelopes . . . . . | 20 00    |        |
| Damon Co., Supplies . . . . .                  | 6 00     |        |
|                                                |          | <hr/>  |
|                                                |          | 171 46 |

**February, 1926.**

|                                               |          |        |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------|--------|
| W. A. Wetherbee, Salary for January . . . . . | \$100 00 |        |
| P. A. Nordell, Salary for January . . . . .   | 41 66    |        |
| C. D. A. Stowits, Per Capita Tax . . . . .    | 133 35   |        |
| New England Tel. & Tel. Co. . . . .           | 1 10     |        |
| Damon Co. . . . .                             | 3 00     |        |
| Underwood Typewriter Co. . . . .              | 1 00     |        |
|                                               |          | <hr/>  |
|                                               |          | 280 11 |

Total . . . . . \$3,268 73

## MERCHANDISE ACCOUNT.

*Dr.*

|                                  |          |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| On hand March 1, 1925 . . . . .  | \$235 88 |          |
| Bought during the year . . . . . | 178 08   |          |
|                                  |          | \$413 96 |

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|                                 |          |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Sold during the year . . . . .  | \$239 89 |          |
| On hand March 1, 1926 . . . . . | 140 10   |          |
| Profit and Loss . . . . .       | 33 97    |          |
|                                 |          | \$413 96 |

## ASSETS.

## Invested Fund:

|                                             |            |             |
|---------------------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Boston Five Cent Savings Bank . . . . .     | \$2,378 86 |             |
| East Cambridge Savings Bank . . . . .       | 1,601 40   |             |
| Warren Institution for Savings . . . . .    | 1,440 12   |             |
| Home Savings Bank . . . . .                 | 772 31     |             |
| Provident Institution for Savings . . . . . | 441 70     |             |
|                                             |            | \$6,634 39  |
| Liberty Bonds . . . . .                     |            | 5,000 00    |
|                                             |            | \$11,634 39 |

## General Fund:

|                         |          |             |
|-------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Atlantic Bank . . . . . | \$793 73 |             |
| Cash in Safe . . . . .  | 40 78    |             |
|                         |          | 834 51      |
| Total . . . . .         |          | \$12,468 90 |

|                             |          |             |
|-----------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Value of Supplies . . . . . | \$140 10 |             |
| Colors . . . . .            | 245 00   |             |
| Office Furniture . . . . .  | 290 00   |             |
|                             |          | 675 10      |
|                             |          | \$13,144 00 |

## LIABILITIES.

NONE.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE D. SANBORN, *Assistant Quartermaster-General.*

## REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE.

GREAT BARRINGTON, MASS., March 1, 1926.

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, Esq., *Assistant Adjutant General.*

DEAR COMRADE:—I have had nothing to do as judge advocate during the year now ending *and of course have done nothing.*

I was appointed Judge Advocate by the Department Commander and I hereby thank him for the honor.

In view of the fact that there seems nothing for the judge advocate to do, I suggest that it would be well to announce to the Encampment in 1926 that the present judge advocate will gladly assist any comrade, *without pay in matters* of pension or other work *growing* out of the services as a Union soldier in the Civil War.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

H. C. JOYNER.

## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

ROCKLAND, MASS., March 1, 1926.

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, *Assistant Adjutant General, Mass. G. A. R.*

DEAR COMRADE:—Owing to the decreasing membership of the different Posts of the Grand Army in the Department, there has been no call made upon the Department Inspector for detail of Inspectors, and no inspections have been made during the current year.

But the good attendance of the Comrades at the different County Conventions, clearly shows that they have not lost their interest in the Order, and that they propose to sustain the principles of the Grand Army of the Republic as long as life shall last.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

JOSHUA S. GRAY, *Department Inspector.*

## REPORT OF CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS., March 1, 1926.

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, *Assistant Adjutant General.*

COMRADE:—I have the honor to report as Chief Mustering Officer of the Department of Massachusetts.

I have found it a sinecure at the present status of the Order, with no calls for Official Functions, but have visited in a semi-official way, several Posts and kindred Orders in this vicinity and received a warm welcome from the few members attending.

Previous to Memorial Day I have visited a number of the Public Schools of my own city, and with others addressed the pupils, where I have always been received with courtesy and attention by the Principal and instructors of those attended.

My thanks are due to our late Commander, W. L. Gage, for giving me the privilege of serving in this small way, and to the present Commander for continuing me in the same line.

It has been a labor of "love" and my only regret is that I could not fill it with the ability it deserves.

Again thanking you for the honor conferred, and the pleasure I experienced in "Obeying Orders."

I am yours fraternally,

A. OTIS CHAMBERLIN, *Chief Mustering Officer,*  
*Dept. Mass. G. A. R.*

## REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

BRAINTREE, March 1, 1926.

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, *Assistant Adjutant General.*

MY DEAR COMRADE:—I submit herewith my report as Department Patriotic Instructor. I have received sixteen reports which show that the posts are diminishing in number still engaged in the good work. I have attended several county associations. I have had the pleasure of addressing men's church clubs and the grange and was loyally received. I have enjoyed the work expected of me as Patriotic Instructor.

Yours Loyally,

EDWARD O. PIERSON, *Department Patriotic Instructor.*

## REPORT OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

The first meeting of the Council was held April 28, 1925.

On account of illness Commander Gage was unable to attend and Senior Vice-Commander presided. Comrade Ham asked for a hearing, and took ex-

ceptions to the Department retaining the money presented by the Woman's Relief Corps and Ladies of the G. A. R., stating it was contributed for the express purpose of paying the expenses of the delegates to the National Encampment at Grand Rapids.

After his withdrawal, it was unanimously voted that a letter be written to the Department Presidents of each of the named organizations proffering a return of the money if they did not want it used for any other purpose.

It was voted that the next Encampment be held April 6 and 7, 1926.

It was voted that we hold the usual banquet.

The Assistant Adjutant-General was appointed a committee with full powers.

The following comrades we appointed Auditors: James H. Webb of Post 88, J. W. Poland of Post 12 and William B. Webber of Post 143.

It was voted that all arrangements for the National Encampment be placed in the hands of the Assistant Adjutant-General with full powers.

The Adjutant was instructed to send flowers to Commander Gage while in the hospital.

It was unanimously voted that the use of the large room in Department Headquarters be offered the Daughters of Veterans as a permanent headquarters.

Department Commander William L. Gage passed to the higher life, May 12, 1925.

A meeting of the Council was held May 19, 1925, and was called to order by Sen. Vice Commander Comey. The announcement of the death of our late Commander Gage was made.

Under the Rules and Regulations Senior Vice Commander Comey was installed Commander and Junior Vice Commander Brown as Senior Vice Commander.

By the unanimous vote of the Council, Comrade Henry A. Monk was elected Junior Vice-Commander to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of Comrade Brown.

Letters from the Departments of the Woman's Relief Corps and Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic were read in which each organization asked that the money given by them be placed in our General Fund.

Comrade Monk presented himself at these Headquarters May 20 and was duly obligated by Past Department Commander Wetherbee.

The final meeting for the year was held March 2, 1926.

The Auditing Committee reported they had examined the books and accounts and found them correct.

They verified the cash, and found the amount on hand Feb. 28, 1926, to be \$12,468.90.

A true copy.

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, *Assistant Adjutant General.*

## REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

BOSTON, March 1, 1926.  
HENRY N. COMEY, *Commander.*

COMRADE:— The Auditing Committee respectfully report that they have examined the books and accounts of the Assistant Quartermaster-General, and have found them correct, with vouchers for all charges made to February 28, 1926. They have verified the cash and find the total amount on hand March 1, 1926, to be \$12,468.90.

JAMES H. WEBB.  
WILLIAM B. WEBBER.

## In Memoriam



WILLIAM L. GAGE  
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1925

BELOVED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM

DIED MAY 12, 1925



# MUSTERED OUT

## DURING THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1925.

| NAME.                         | Date of Death. | Rank.                | Regiment or Ship.                  | Place of Birth.       |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>Post 1, New Bedford.</i>   |                |                      |                                    |                       |
| Daniel Gerslerner             | Aug. 12        | Landsman             | U. S. S. "Ohio," "Saco," "Vermont" | Germany.              |
| <i>Post 2, South Boston.</i>  |                |                      |                                    |                       |
| J. Irving Gross               | Feb. 10        | Private              | 60 Mass. Infantry                  | -                     |
| Edw. J. Brougham              | Apr. 17        | Private              | 23 Mass. Infantry                  | -                     |
| John M. Dodge                 | July 25        | Private              | 1 Mass. Infantry                   | -                     |
| James H. Toomoth              | Oct. 29        | Private              | 150 N. Y. Infantry                 | -                     |
| George D. Burrage             | Jan. 21        | Private              | 1 Mass. Infantry                   | -                     |
| <i>Post 3, Taunton.</i>       |                |                      |                                    |                       |
| John W. Hall                  | Jan. 27        | Corporal             | Co. F, 7 Mass. Infantry            | Taunton, Mass.        |
| George E. Francis             | Feb. 21        | Private              | 18 Mass. Unattached Company        | Dighton, Mass.        |
| Sumner A. Deane               | Apr. 10        | Assistant Surgeon    | U. S. Navy                         | Foxboro, Mass.        |
| Delois M. Dwight              | June 7         | Private              | Co. C, 9 N. Y. Infantry            | St. John, N. B. Mass. |
| William E. Curtis             | July 12        | Private              | 18 Mass. Unattached Company        | Middleborough, Mass.  |
| Joseph M. Cushman             | July 27        | Private              | Co. G, 4 Mass. Infantry            | Shutesbury, Mass.     |
| Joseph H. Washburn            | Aug. 19        | Private              | Co. H, 40 Mass. Infantry           | Easton, Mass.         |
| George F. Read                | Nov. 30        | Private              | Co. B, 33 Mass. Infantry           | East Boston, Mass.    |
| John Green                    | Dec. 20        | Private              | Co. H, 1 Mass. Infantry            | Sheffield, Eng.       |
| <i>Post 4, Melrose.</i>       |                |                      |                                    |                       |
| Wm. H. Layfield               | Feb. 17        | Private              | Co. C, 42 Mass. Infantry           | -                     |
| Fred'k U. Corson              | Mar. 13        | Private              | Co. G, 42 Mass. Infantry           | -                     |
| Wm. H. Chamberlain            | Apr. 7         | Private              | Co. G, 102 N. Y. Infantry          | -                     |
| Chas. S. Jones                | Apr. 17        | Private              | Co. G, 39 Mass. Infantry           | -                     |
| Augustus R. Rice              | Aug. 28        | Private              | Co. H, 6 Mass. Infantry            | -                     |
| Charles L. Moore              | Dec. 24        | Private              | Co. D, 3 Mass. Heavy Artillery     | -                     |
| <i>Post 7, Boston.</i>        |                |                      |                                    |                       |
| Michael Harney                | Apr. 30        | Landsman             | U. S. Navy                         | Boston, Mass.         |
| John Slattery                 | May 2          | Private              | Co. B, 11 Mass. Infantry           | Boston, Mass.         |
| George L. Spencer             | Nov. 30        | Lieutenant           | Co. I, 1 Conn. Heavy Artillery     | Conn.                 |
| <i>Post 8, Middleborough.</i> |                |                      |                                    |                       |
| Stephen D. Drew, Jr.          | Jan. 14        | Private              | Co. B, 2 Mass. Heavy Artillery     | Middleborough, Mass.  |
| Benjamin F. Robinson          | Apr. 7         | Acting Master's Mate | U. S. N.                           | Middleborough, Mass.  |
| Thomas W. Finney              | Aug. 8         | Private              | Co. C, 4 Mass. Infantry            | Plymouth, Mass.       |
| Philander J. Holmes           | Nov. 16        | Passed Engineer      | U. S. Navy                         | Carver, Mass.         |

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| NAME.                        | Date of Death.       | Rank.             | Regiment or Ship.                          | Place of Birth.      |
|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Post 9, Hudson.</i>       |                      |                   |                                            |                      |
| Frank E. Brown               | Feb. 22              | Private           | Co. M, 5 Mass. Infantry                    | Berlin, Mass.        |
| Proctor Powers               | Oct. 6               | Private           | 3 Mass. Infantry                           | -                    |
| Fred W. Trowbridge           | Dec. 8               | Private           | 1 Mass. Infantry                           | -                    |
| <i>Post 11, Charlestown.</i> |                      |                   |                                            |                      |
| Samuel Williams              | Jan. 10              | Private           | Co. H, 5 Mass. Infantry                    | Charlestown, Mass.   |
| Edwin O. Hyde                | Jan. 29              | Sergeant          | Co. F, 1 Mass. Cavalry                     | Suffield, Conn.      |
| Geo. A. Brigham              | May 4                | Musician          | 3 Brigade Band                             | Exeter, N. H.        |
| M. Wilder Rice               | May 22               | Private           | Co. E, 47 Mass. Infantry                   | Charlestown, Mass.   |
| Geo. S. Richards             | Sept. 16             | Private           | Co. D, 1 Mass. Cavalry                     | Charlestown, Mass.   |
| Lorenzo Bruce                | Oct. 2               | Private           | Co. L, 1 Mass. Cavalry                     | Townsend, Mass.      |
| Samuel E. C. Pomeroy         | Dec. 10              | Corporal          | Co. B, 22 Mass. Volunteer                  | Boston, Mass.        |
| <i>Post 12, Watfield.</i>    |                      |                   |                                            |                      |
| James Campbell               | Aug. 19              | Private           | Co. M, 3 R. Island Artillery               | Pawtucket, R. I.     |
| Michael Logan                | Mar. 6               | Other             | U. S. Navy: Co. B, 3d Bat., Ill. Volunteer | Ireland.             |
| David Joy Starbuck           | Mar. 22              | Ensign            | U. S. Navy: U. S. S. "Bohio"               | Nantucket, Mass.     |
| William W. Bessey            | Dec. 4               | Private           | Co. I, 18 Mass. Infantry                   | Bethel, Maine.       |
| <i>Post 13, Brockton.</i>    |                      |                   |                                            |                      |
| Corendo Winsor               | Jan. 5               | Private           | Co. G, 38 Mass. Infantry                   | Duxbury, Mass.       |
| Joseph Hersey                | Jan. 23              | Private           | Co. K, 7 Mass. Infantry                    | Abington, Mass.      |
| Wm. E. Bryant                | Feb. 10              | Private           | Co. G, 45 Mass. Infantry                   | Bridgewater, Mass.   |
| Edgar A. Morse               | Feb. 22              | Private           | Co. C, 58 Mass. Infantry                   | Bellingham, Mass.    |
| John King                    | Mar. 14              | Private           | Co. I, 35 N. J. Infantry                   | Ireland.             |
| Horace B. Rogers             | Mar. 28              | Second Lieutenant | Co. A, 2 R. I. Cavalry                     | Wrentham, Mass.      |
| John D. Plummer              | Aug. 10              | Private           | Co. K, 13 Mass. Infantry                   | Upton, Mass.         |
| Orto Carlson                 | Sept. 6              | Private           | N. J. Artillery                            | Sweden.              |
| Minot A. Tower               | Oct. 31              | Private           | Co. C, 14 Mass. Infantry                   | Weymouth, Mass.      |
| Daniel W. Jacobs             | Nov. 22              | Private           | 4 Mass. Cavalry                            | Abington, Mass.      |
| Freeman Holmes               | Dec. 7               | Private           | Co. C, 26 Mass. Infantry                   | Bridgewater, Mass.   |
| Zeplianiah Dunbar            | Dec. 22              | Private           | Co. D, 58 Mass. Infantry                   | Middleborough, Mass. |
| <i>Post 14, Hopkinton.</i>   |                      |                   |                                            |                      |
| Joseph H. Clark              | Aug. 21              | Sergeant          | Co. A, 10 Vt. Infantry                     | Dover, N. H.         |
| <i>Post 15, Boston.</i>      |                      |                   |                                            |                      |
| Thomas Arbuckle              | Dec. 28 <sup>1</sup> | Private           | Co. B, 3 R. I. Cavalry                     | Rhode Island.        |
| Edgar E. Stearns             | Jan. 8               | Private           | Co. B, 3 R. I. Infantry                    | Connecticut.         |
| Francis E. Jackson           | Apr. 24              | Private           | Co. I, 2 Mass. Heavy Artillery             | Mass.                |
| John Gill                    | June 19              | Private           | Co. H, 21 Mass. Infantry                   | Mass.                |
| George F. Atwood             | Sept. 19             | Private           | Co. B, 3 R. I. Cavalry                     | Mass.                |

*Post 18, Springfield.*

|                        |          |         |   |                                           |   |   |   |
|------------------------|----------|---------|---|-------------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Charles S. Edwards     | Feb. 10  | Private | { | Co. C, 10 Mass. Infantry                  | - | - | - |
| Benjamin Phillips      | Feb. 28  | Captain | { | Co. G, 37 Mass. Infantry                  | - | - | - |
| Albert M. Bartlett     | Mar. 7   | Private | { | Co. G, 13 N. Y. Infantry                  | - | - | - |
| Edward C. Rogers       | Apr. 13  | Private | { | Co. A, 8 Mass. Infantry                   | - | - | - |
| Thomas Tomlinson       | May 12   | Private | { | Co. A, 46 Mass. Infantry                  | - | - | - |
| Christopher D. Seymour | May 16   | Private | { | Co. C, 26 N. Y. Cavalry                   | - | - | - |
| Daniel Dwyer           | May 25   | Private | { | Co. A, 1 Vt. Cavalry                      | - | - | - |
| Charles Clark          | July 10  | Private | { | Co. C, 69 N. Y. Infantry                  | - | - | - |
| Albert W. Cushing      | Aug. 1   | Private | { | 159 N. Y. Infantry                        | - | - | - |
| Walter R. Gardner      | Sept. 28 | Private | { | Co. A, 1 Mass. Heavy Artillery            | - | - | - |
| John E. Stewart        | Oct. 10  | Private | { | Co. H, 46 Mass. Infantry                  | - | - | - |
| Francis I. Rollins     | Oct. 24  | Private | { | Co. D, 44th N. Y. D 9th U. S. C. Infantry | - | - | - |
|                        |          |         | { | Co. I, 3 Mass. Heavy Artillery            | - | - | - |

*Post 17, Orange.*

|                |         |         |  |                           |              |   |   |
|----------------|---------|---------|--|---------------------------|--------------|---|---|
| Frank H. Bliss | Aug. 26 | Private |  | Co. C, 53 Mass. Infantry  | Ware, Mass.  | - | - |
| Geo. A. Drake  | Oct. 20 | Private |  | Co. K, 153 Mass. Infantry | Athol, Mass. | - | - |

*Post 19, Fitchburg.*

|                |         |               |  |                                |                  |   |   |
|----------------|---------|---------------|--|--------------------------------|------------------|---|---|
| J. W. Abbott   | Dec. 28 | Private       |  | Co. B, 13 Mass. Infantry       | Andover, Mass.   | - | - |
| W. E. Battles  | Jan. 8  | Private       |  | Co. F, 25 Mass. Infantry       | Fitchburg, Mass. | - | - |
| J. W. Finnegan | Feb. 9  | Sergeant      |  | Co. A, 6 Mass. Infantry        | Ireland          | - | - |
| A. Conery      | June 11 | 1st class Boy |  | U. S. Steamers, Ft. Jackson    | Boston, Mass.    | - | - |
| J. H. Prescott | Oct. 1  | Private       |  | Co. A, N. H. Volunteer Militia | Hooksett, N. H.  | - | - |

*Post 21, Boston.*

|                |        |         |  |                          |          |   |   |
|----------------|--------|---------|--|--------------------------|----------|---|---|
| Solomon Erlich | July - | Private |  | Co. F, 73 N. Y. Infantry | Germany. | - | - |
|----------------|--------|---------|--|--------------------------|----------|---|---|

*Post 22, Milford.*

|                     |         |          |  |                                   |                  |   |   |
|---------------------|---------|----------|--|-----------------------------------|------------------|---|---|
| Geo. B. Newton      | Jan. 17 | Private  |  | Co. F, 36 Mass. Infantry          | -                | - | - |
| Solon S. Cook       | Jan. 29 | Private  |  | 19 Mass. Unattached Company       | Milford, Mass.   | - | - |
| Alonso F. Gifford   | June 25 | Private  |  | Co. E, 20 Conn. Volunteer Militia | Rockville, Conn. | - | - |
| Chas. E. Buffington | Aug. 29 | Corporal |  | Co. B, 25 Mass. Infantry          | Pawtucket, R. I. | - | - |

*Post 23, East Boston.*

|                    |         |          |  |                          |                   |   |   |
|--------------------|---------|----------|--|--------------------------|-------------------|---|---|
| Charles E. Gerrold | Aug. 22 | Sergeant |  | Co. H, 12 Mass. Infantry | Gloucester, Mass. | - | - |
|--------------------|---------|----------|--|--------------------------|-------------------|---|---|

*Post 27, Oxford.*

|                 |         |         |  |                                |   |   |   |
|-----------------|---------|---------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|---|
| William H. Buck | Jan. 29 | Private |  | Co. C, 1 Conn. Heavy Artillery | - | - | - |
|-----------------|---------|---------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|---|

*Post 29, Waltham.*

|                    |                      |         |   |                          |               |   |   |
|--------------------|----------------------|---------|---|--------------------------|---------------|---|---|
| E. J. Brackett     | Dec. 30 <sup>1</sup> | Private | { | Co. G, 5 Mass. Infantry  | Portland, Me. | - | - |
| Roscoe A. Williams | Nov. 16              | Private | { | Co. D, 35 Mass. Infantry | -             | - | - |
|                    |                      |         | { | 5 Maine Light Battery    | -             | - | - |

| NAME.                         | Date of Death. | Rank.           | Regiment or Ship.                        | Place of Birth.      |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Post 50, Cambridge.</i>    |                |                 |                                          |                      |
| George A. Dietz               | Jan. 11        | Musician        | Co. F, 8 Kansas Infantry                 | Missouri             |
| Eben W. Pike                  | Feb. 16        | Drummer         | Co. G, 22 Mass. Infantry                 | Boston, Mass.        |
| Hugh L. O'Brien               | Apr. 20        | Private         | Co. H, 1 Mass. Cavalry                   | Ireland.             |
| Lorestin Brown                | May 29         | Landsman        | U. S. Navy                               | Pembroke, Maine.     |
| George W. W. Foss             | Oct. 25        | Private         | Co. F, 1 Mass. Infantry                  | Roxbury, Mass.       |
| <i>Post 52, South Boston.</i> |                |                 |                                          |                      |
| Silas B. Crane                | Jan. 11        | Corporal        | Co. F, 24 Mass. Infantry                 | Canton, Mass.        |
| Daniel R. Hanwell             | Mar. 15        | Private         | Co. H, 3 Mass. Cavalry                   | England.             |
| Elphalt S. Sears              | Apr. 13        | Private         | Co. A, 1 Mass. Infantry                  | Hubbardston, Mass.   |
| <i>Post 54, Salem.</i>        |                |                 |                                          |                      |
| John Beals                    | Feb. 2         | Private         | Co. B, 50 Mass. Infantry                 | Salem, Mass.         |
| Ed. M. Burding                | Mar. 7         | Private         | Co. I, 6 Mass. Infantry                  | Salem, Mass.         |
| Patrick Tierney               | June 3         | Private         | Co. F, 9 Mass. Infantry                  | Ireland.             |
| Geo. H. Lowe                  | June 5         | Private         | Co. C, 5 Mass. Infantry                  | Salem, Mass.         |
| Adam Maxwell                  | Sept. 5        | Private         | Co. A, 4 Mass. Heavy Artillery           | Scotland.            |
| <i>Post 55, Chelsea.</i>      |                |                 |                                          |                      |
| Philip A. Brown               | Jan. 19        | Private         | Co. C, 27 Maine Infantry                 | Waterborough, Maine. |
| George H. Young               | Feb. 9         | Ordinary Seaman | U. S. S. "St. Lawrence"                  | St. George, Maine.   |
| Ira C. Bumpus                 | June 10        | Private         | Co. E, 33 Mass. Infantry                 | Nenny, Maine.        |
| Hiram V. Tuttle               | June 16        | Private         | Co. A, 30 Me. Infantry                   | Buckfield, Maine.    |
| John M. Atwood                | Oct. 13        | Private         | Co. E, 29 Mass. Infantry                 | Plymouth, Mass.      |
| George A. J. Colgan           | Dec. 15        | Private         | Co. K, 6 Mass. Infantry                  | Boston, Mass.        |
| <i>Post 57, Spencer.</i>      |                |                 |                                          |                      |
| A. M. Tourtelotte             | Aug. 7         | Private         | Co. C, 19 Mass. Infantry                 | -                    |
| Frank Rhen                    | Aug. 20        | Private         | Co. C, 6 Vt. Infantry                    | -                    |
| George Bouley                 | Aug. 30        | Private         | Co. H, 5 Conn. Infantry                  | -                    |
| Alvan N. Lamb                 | Oct. 22        | Private         | Co. H, 51 Mass. Infantry                 | -                    |
| D. F. Monroe                  | Dec. 25        | Private         | Co. H, 10 Mass. Infantry                 | -                    |
| <i>Post 59, Lawrence.</i>     |                |                 |                                          |                      |
| Daniel A. Barr                | Mar. 25        | Corporal        | 8 Mass. Unattached Company               | -                    |
| Alexander Davidson            | Aug. 16        | Private         | Co. B, 26 N. Y. Cavalry                  | -                    |
|                               |                |                 | Co. A, 12 N. Y. Cavalry                  | England.             |
| <i>Post 40, Malden.</i>       |                |                 |                                          |                      |
| Charles H. Badger             | Mar. 22        | -               | Co. E, 7 Mass. Infantry                  | -                    |
| Albert Jones                  | Apr. 20        | -               | Co. F, 10 Vt. Infantry, 31st U. S. C. T. | -                    |
| George H. Leavens             | June 26        | -               | Unat., 8 Mass. Infantry                  | -                    |



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| <i>Post 52, Eastondale.</i>  |                |                 |                                     |                     |
| Philander W. Feeto           | Nov. 10        | Sergeant        | Co. G, 7 Mass. Infantry             | Raynham, Mass.      |
| <i>Post 53, Leominster.</i>  |                |                 |                                     |                     |
| Lyman W. Brown               | Jan. 24        | Private         | Co. H, 13 Mass. Volunteer           | Marlborough, Mass.  |
| Henry N. Spring              | Apr. 2         | Landman         | U. S. Navy                          | Chester, Vt.        |
| David W. Burchstead          | June 17        | Private         | Co. E, 5 Mass. Infantry             | Salem, Mass.        |
| John Lang                    | Aug. 27        | Private         | Co. F, 23 Mass. Infantry            | Boston, Mass.       |
| Charles E. Corey             | Nov. 2         | Private         | Co. C, 4 Mass. Heavy Artillery      | Nashua, N. H.       |
|                              |                | Corporal        | Co. B, 26 Mass. Infantry            |                     |
| <i>Post 61, Webster.</i>     |                |                 |                                     |                     |
| Wm. B. Whittemore            | Jan. 27        | Private         | Co. E, 58 Mass. Infantry            | Thompson, Ct.       |
| Thomas Whalon                | Apr. 15        | Private         | Co. G, 4 Mass. Cavalry              | Ireland.            |
| Thomas L. Gray               | May 7          | Private         | Co. H, 61 Mass. Infantry            | Troy, N. Y.         |
| Louis E. Pattison            | Nov. 14        | Private         | 5 Mass. Battery                     | Boston, Mass.       |
| <i>Post 62, Newtonville.</i> |                |                 |                                     |                     |
| Chas. Kieser                 | Dec. 24        | Private         | Navy                                | Germany.            |
| Albert Wetherbee             | Jan. 21        | Private         | Co. B, 51 Mass. Infantry            | Natick, Mass.       |
| George H. Hopping            | June 5         | Private         | Co. H, 8 Maine Infantry             | Biddeford, Me.      |
| Wm. H. Abbott                | July 17        | Private         | Co. D, 30 Mass. Infantry            |                     |
| A. H. Soden                  | Aug. -         | Private         | Co. A, 22 Mass. Infantry            | Frankingham, Mass.  |
| James E. Reid                | Dec. 12        | Private         | Co. C, 115 N. Y. Infantry           | Ballston Spa, N. Y. |
| <i>Post 67, Manchester.</i>  |                |                 |                                     |                     |
| Daron W. Morse               | Mar. 17        | Private         | Co. H, 19 Mass. Infantry            | Essex, Mass.        |
| <i>Post 68, Dorchester.</i>  |                |                 |                                     |                     |
| Charles D. Marcy             | Feb. 10        | Sergeant        | 43 Mass. Signal Corps               | Greenfield, Mass.   |
| Edward L. Sufren             | Apr. 13        | Captain's Clerk | U. S. S. "Monticello"               | New York, N. Y.     |
| Roswell C. Ross              | Sept. 28       | Private         | 1 N. H. Battery                     | Watertown, Mass.    |
| Alonzo C. H. Laws            | Nov. 20        | Private         | 13 Mass. Infantry                   | Boston, Mass.       |
| <i>Post 69, Westminster.</i> |                |                 |                                     |                     |
| Edward Sharon                | Mar. 22        | Private         | Co. E, 53 Mass. Infantry            | Boston, Mass.       |
| <i>Post 70, Millbury.</i>    |                |                 |                                     |                     |
| James A. Dike                | June 9         | Drummer         | 13 Mass. Unattached Heavy Artillery | Millbury, Mass.     |
| Simeon E. King               | Nov. 8         | Private         | Co. B, 57 Mass. Infantry            | Sutton, Mass.       |
| <i>Post 71, Holyoke.</i>     |                |                 |                                     |                     |
| John Eyott                   | June 27        | Private         | Co. G, 28 N. Y. Infantry            | Champlain, N. Y.    |
| John C. Doran                | Nov. 6         | Private         | Co. A, Mass. Cavalry                | Ireland.            |
| Sylvester A. Davis           | Mar. 8         | Private         | Co. C, 67 N. Y. Infantry            | Lewis, N. Y.        |
| William Keyes                | Dec. 9         | Private         | Co. B, 37 Mass. Infantry            | Ireland.            |



| NAME.                            | Date of Death. | Rank.                                 | Regiment or Ship.                                      | Place of Birth.    |
|----------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <i>Post 83, Hanover.</i>         |                |                                       |                                                        |                    |
| Joshua R. Barker . . . . .       | Oct. 14        | Private                               | Co. E, 47 Mass. Infantry                               | Charlestown, Mass. |
| <i>Post 85, Ware.</i>            |                |                                       |                                                        |                    |
| Franklin W. Fellows . . . . .    | Apr. 25        | Private                               | Co. I, 12 Mass. Infantry, Chas. L. Davis Signal Corps. | Barre, Mass.       |
| <i>Post 86, Northampton.</i>     |                |                                       |                                                        |                    |
| Joseph Young . . . . .           | Mar. 17        | Private                               | Co. H, 52 Mass. Infantry                               | Fairfield, Vt.     |
| William Miller . . . . .         | Mar. 29        | Private                               | Co. G, 25 Mass. Infantry                               | Germany.           |
| James E. Dunham . . . . .        | Nov. 28        | Private                               | Co. K, 49 Mass. Infantry                               | Savoy, Mass.       |
| <i>Post 88, Quincy.</i>          |                |                                       |                                                        |                    |
| Wyman B. Nightingale . . . . .   | Mar. 1         | Private                               | Co. H, 42 Mass. Infantry                               | Quincy, Mass.      |
| Henry O. Studley . . . . .       | Mar. 19        | Private                               | Co. I, 42 Mass. Infantry                               | Lowell, Mass.      |
| Stephen M. Otis . . . . .        | Aug. 28        | Private                               | Co. F, 4 Mass. Cavalry                                 | Quincy, Mass.      |
| George L. Phillips . . . . .     | Oct. 23        | Private                               | Co. E, 12 Mass. Infantry                               | Quincy, Mass.      |
| <i>Post 89, Beverly.</i>         |                |                                       |                                                        |                    |
| Samuel A. Gentlee . . . . .      | Jan. 19        | Private                               | 2 Unattached Company, Mass. Volunteers                 | Beverly, Mass.     |
| Levi W. Hall . . . . .           | Mar. 13        | Private                               | 2 Unattached Company, Mass. Volunteers                 | Beverly, Mass.     |
| William H. Burchstead . . . . .  | Apr. 26        | Private                               | Co. D, 1 Mass. Heavy Artillery                         | Beverly, Mass.     |
| John F. Howard . . . . .         | Aug. 13        | Private                               | Co. A, 24 Mass. Infantry                               | Beverly, Mass.     |
| Thomas H. Dunham . . . . .       | Oct. 1         | Colonel and Brevet Brigadier-General. | 11 Mass. Infantry                                      | Boston, Mass.      |
| Benjamin Larcom . . . . .        | Aug. 30        | Private                               | Co. H, 3 Mass. Heavy Artillery                         | Beverly, Mass.     |
| <i>Post 90, Danvers.</i>         |                |                                       |                                                        |                    |
| Joseph Bushby . . . . .          | Mar. 16        | Private                               | Co. C, 5 Mass. Infantry                                | Peabody, Mass.     |
| Richard Collins . . . . .        | Dec. 8         | Private                               | 29 Mass. Unattached Company                            | Ireland.           |
| <i>Post 93, Shelburne Falls.</i> |                |                                       |                                                        |                    |
| Walter W. Carpenter . . . . .    | 1924           | -                                     | Co. H, 10 Mass. Infantry                               | -                  |
| A. L. Smith . . . . .            | 1925           | -                                     | -                                                      | -                  |
| <i>Post 95, Saugus.</i>          |                |                                       |                                                        |                    |
| Samuel L. Blood . . . . .        | Jan. 2         | Private                               | Co. K, 11 Mass. Infantry                               | Dracut, Mass.      |
| Edward A. Hanson . . . . .       | Feb. 6         | Private                               | Co. L, 2 Mass. Heavy Artillery                         | So. Reading, Mass. |
| George W. Felton . . . . .       | Mar. 1         | Private                               | Co. G, 4 Mass. Cavalry                                 | Barre, Mass.       |
| <i>Post 99, Andover.</i>         |                |                                       |                                                        |                    |
| E. Kendall Jenkins . . . . .     | Oct. 8         | Quartermaster Sergeant                | Co. H, 1 Mass. Heavy Artillery                         | Andover, Mass.     |
| Ballard Holt . . . . .           | Oct. 10        | Private                               | Co. G, 44 Mass. Infantry                               | Chelmsford, Mass.  |

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| <i>Post 105, Upton.</i>          | George W. Pierce . | Feb. 15  | Private           | . | Co. K, 40 Mass. Infantry                              | Watertown, Mass.   |
|                                  | George R. Pierce . | Apr. 23  | Private           | . | Co. E, 4 Mass. Heavy Artillery                        | Grafton, Mass.     |
|                                  | Myron W. Clafin .  | July 29  | Private           | . | Co. I, 36 Mass. Infantry                              | Upton, Mass.       |
| <i>Post 106, Rockport.</i>       |                    |          |                   |   |                                                       |                    |
| Andrew Lane .                    |                    | Mar. 12  | Private           | . | Co. E, 32 Mass. Infantry                              | Rockport, Mass.    |
| <i>Post 109, East Templeton.</i> |                    |          |                   |   |                                                       |                    |
| Dwight B. Leonard                |                    | July 24  | Private           | . | Co. L, 1 Conn. Infantry                               | Monson, Mass.      |
| Judson S. Pinney .               |                    | Oct. 31  | Private           | . | Co. R, 8 Mich. Infantry                               | Shrewsbury, Vt.    |
| <i>Post 111, Pembroke.</i>       |                    |          |                   |   |                                                       |                    |
| Albert W. Curtis .               |                    | June 25  | Sergeant          | . | Co. G, 18 Mass. Infantry                              | Pembroke, Mass.    |
| <i>Post 113, Boston.</i>         |                    |          |                   |   |                                                       |                    |
| John K. Richardson               |                    | Jan. 2   | Private           | . | Co. D, 22 Mass. Infantry                              | Woburn, Mass.      |
| Arthur Hooper .                  |                    | Jan. 5   | Sergeant          | . | Co. K, 3 Mass. Infantry                               | Bridgewater, Mass. |
| Henry G. Dorr .                  |                    | June 27  | Lieutenant        | . | Co. K, 4 Mass. Cavalry                                | Boston, Mass.      |
| Frank E. Orcutt .                |                    | Aug. 27  | Private           | . | Co. F, 38 Mass. Infantry                              | Cambridge, Mass.   |
| Frederick D. Mayard              |                    | Dec. 6   | Private           | . | Co. M, 1 Mass. Cavalry                                | Lancaster, Mass.   |
| <i>Post 116, Gardner.</i>        |                    |          |                   |   |                                                       |                    |
| John D. Edgell .                 |                    | Mar. 1   | Second Lieutenant | . | Co. G, 53 Mass. Infantry                              | Gardner, Mass.     |
| Newton Brooks .                  |                    | Mar. 6   | Private           | . | Co. G, 53 Mass. Infantry                              | Ashburnham, Mass.  |
| Edwin F. Baker .                 |                    | May 10   | Private           | . | Co. E, 1 Mass. Cavalry                                | Chester, Vt.       |
| William S. White .               |                    | Dec. 16  | Private           | . | Co. G, 5 N. H. Volunteers<br>Co. A, 57 Mass. Infantry | Cornish, N. H.     |
| <i>Post 118, Swampscott.</i>     |                    |          |                   |   |                                                       |                    |
| Orlando R. Millett               |                    | Feb. 11  | Private           | . | Co. E, 45 Mass. Infantry                              | Swampscott, Mass.  |
| John B. Buckman                  |                    | Sept. 25 | Private           | . | Co. J, 9 N. H. Infantry                               | N. Ipswich, N. H.  |
| Royal Fowler .                   |                    | Oct. 9   | Private           | . | Co. H, 5 Me. Infantry                                 | Portland, Me.      |
| Pete' Gardier .                  |                    | Oct. 26  | Private           | . | Co. D, 14 Me. Infantry                                | Castine, Me.       |
| <i>Post 119, Lexington.</i>      |                    |          |                   |   |                                                       |                    |
| George N. Gurney .               |                    | Dec. 29  | Musician          | . | Co. K, 25 Maine Infantry, Regular                     | Freeport, Me.      |
| <i>Post 120, Lowell.</i>         |                    |          |                   |   |                                                       |                    |
| Edward J. Noyes .                |                    | Feb. 1   | Major             | . | 1 Texas Cavalry                                       | Georgetown, Mass.  |
| Albert E. Lowell .               |                    | Apr. 8   | Private           | . | Co. B, 30 Maine Infantry                              | Salisbury, N. H.   |
| Geo. G. Stetson .                |                    | May 15   | Private           | . | Co. R, 11 Mass. Infantry                              | Lowell, Mass.      |
| George A. Faneuf .               |                    | Oct. 19  | Private           | . | Co. F, 8 Vermont Infantry                             | St. Albans, Vt.    |
| Charles H. Stickney              |                    | Nov. 5   | First Lieutenant  | . | 8 N. H. Infantry                                      | Londonberry, N. H. |
| Alvin W. Stockwell               |                    | Nov. 4   | Sergeant          | . | Co. F, 3 N. H. Infantry                               | Boston, Mass.      |
| Marion Blanchard                 |                    | Nov. 20  | Private           | . | Co. I, 13 Maine Infantry                              | Knox, Maine.       |
| Virgil G. Barnard                |                    | Nov. 24  | Private           | . | Co. D, 25 Mass. Infantry                              | Worcester, Mass.   |

| NAME.                         | Date of Death. | Rank.    | Regiment or Ship.              | Place of Birth.       |
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| <i>Post 122, Amesbury.</i>    |                |          |                                |                       |
| Edward M. Aldrich             | Mar. 27        | Private  | Co. D, 5 R. I. Infantry.       | Uxbridge, Mass.       |
| Dudley J. Marston             | Mar. 27        | Private  | Co. I, 11 N. H. Infantry.      | Chester, N. H.        |
| Frank N. Bailey               | June 7         | Private  | Co. D, 1 Mass. Heavy Artillery | West Newbury, Mass.   |
| <i>Post 123, Athol.</i>       |                |          |                                |                       |
| L. P. Cutler                  | June 20        | Private  | Co. C, 27 Mass. Infantry       | -                     |
| <i>Post 128, Ipswich.</i>     |                |          |                                |                       |
| Nathaniel Burnham             | Mar. 3         | Private  | Co. D, 48 Mass. Infantry       | Ipswich, Mass.        |
| William A. Chaplin            | May 10         | Private  | Co. A, 23 Mass. Infantry       | Danvers, Mass.        |
| John S. Spiller               | May 29         | Private  | Co. A, 33 Mass. Infantry       | Ipswich, Mass.        |
| <i>Post 130, West Medway.</i> |                |          |                                |                       |
| Nathan Stanley                | June 27        | Private  | Co. E, 2 Mass. Infantry        | Beverly, Mass.        |
| <i>Post 134, Boston.</i>      |                |          |                                |                       |
| Amos Johnson                  | Feb. 6         | Private  | Co. A, 41 U. S. Colored Troops | Virginia.             |
| Wiley Latham                  | Feb. 9         | Private  | Co. K, 11 R. I. Artillery      | Rhode Island.         |
| Boston Brown                  | Feb. 14        | Private  | Co. K, 5 Mass. Cavalry         | Virginia.             |
| Isaiah Clayton                | Aug. 2         | Landsman | U. S. S. "Wyoming"             | Maryland.             |
| Chas. W. Palmer               | Sept. 22       | Landsman | U. S. S. "Cœur de Lion"        | District of Columbia. |
| Wm. H. Davis                  | Oct. 30        | Sergeant | Co. K, 37 U. S. Colored Troops | North Carolina.       |
| Ansell Seabrook               | -              | Cook     | Co. K, 4 Mass. Cavalry         | North Carolina.       |
| <i>Post 138, West Acton.</i>  |                |          |                                |                       |
| James Carney                  | May 25         | Private  | Co. B, 2 Mass. Infantry        | England.              |
| Thacher T. Baxter             | June 7         | Private  | 14 Mass. Infantry              | Acton, Mass.          |
| Oscar B. Phelps               | Oct. 8         | Private  | Co. G, 57 Mass. Infantry       | Maynard, Mass.        |
| <i>Post 139, Somerville.</i>  |                |          |                                |                       |
| J. McCarthy                   | Jan. 5         | Private  | Co. E, 39 Mass. Infantry       | Ireland.              |
| J. G. Emmons                  | Jan. 9         | Private  | Co. I, 27 Me. Infantry         | Lyman, Me.            |
| S. P. Ridley                  | June 9         | Private  | Co. L, 1 Mass. Cavalry         | New Sharon, Me.       |
| F. H. O'Neil                  | June 14        | Private  | Co. F, 60 Mass. Infantry       | Buctouche, N. B.      |
| M. Fitzpatrick                | Nov. 25        | Seaman   | U. S. Navy                     | Ireland.              |
| A. McCaffery                  | Dec. 29        | Private  | Co. K, 4 U. S. Artillery       | Ireland.              |
| <i>Post 140, Athol.</i>       |                |          |                                |                       |
| Michael Murphy                | Aug. 30        | Private  | Co. F, 34 Mass. Infantry       | Wakefield, Mass.      |
| <i>Post 143, Brookline.</i>   |                |          |                                |                       |
| Philip Daniels                | Aug. 3         | Private  | Co. A, 42 Mass. Infantry       | -                     |
| W. G. G. Salsbury             | Oct. 20        | Private  | Co. F, 5 Mass. Infantry        | Boston, Mass.         |

*Post 145, Attleboro.*

Nathan H. Read . . .  
 William A. Sturdy . . .  
 Herbert A. Butterworth . . .  
 Sidney T. Esteo . . .

Jan. 9  
 Feb. 13  
 July 5  
 Aug. 14

Private  
 Private  
 Private  
 Private

Co. I, 24 Mass. Infantry  
 Co. I, 18 Mass. Infantry  
 Co. B, Independent Cavalry Battalion  
 Co. B, 10 Mass. Infantry

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*Post 146, Lawrence.*

Jacob Vatter . . .

Jan. 20

Bugler

Co. F, 1 La. Cavalry

New Orleans, La.

*Post 147, Amherst.*

George L. Cooley . . .

Oct. 30

Private

Co. F, 37 Mass. Infantry

Sunderland, Mass.

*Post 156, Everett.*

Wellington Towle . . .  
 J. B. Whitney . . .  
 Chas. H. Dean . . .  
 Francis Gregory . . .  
 Freeman A. Langley . . .

Jan. 1  
 June 17  
 July 15  
 Aug. 18  
 Dec. 7

Private  
 Private  
 Private  
 Private  
 Acting Master's Mate

Co. E, 9 Me. Infantry  
 1 Me. Heavy Artillery  
 Co. H, 2 Mass. Cavalry  
 Co. H, 148 N. Y. Infantry  
 U. S. Navy

Porter, Me.  
 Andover, Mass.  
 Charlestown, Mass.  
 Seneca Falls, N. Y.  
 Wellfleet, Mass.

*Post 157, Walpole.*

Nathan W. Fisher . . .

Mar. 31

Private

Co. K, 42 Mass. Infantry

Walpole, Mass.

*Post 159, East Boston.*

Stephen D. Snow . . .

Mar. 11

Private

Co. H, 17 N. Y. Infantry

New York.

*Post 163, Framingham.*

William Ferrell . . .  
 Thomas H. Pendlebury . . .  
 Robert Nelson . . .

Apr. 14  
 June 14  
 Sept. 3

Private  
 Private  
 Private

Co. K, 15 Mass. Infantry  
 Co. C, 12 Conn. Infantry  
 Co. K, 29 Mass. Infantry

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*Post 164, Conway.*

Ormanzo Payne . . .

Feb. 20

Private

Charge of trade board

Plainfield, Mass.

*Post 165, Duxbury.*

John W. Alden . . .  
 Charles T. Whitney . . .  
 John W. Tower . . .  
 Waldo B. Church . . .

Feb. 4  
 Mar. 5  
 Mar. 20  
 Oct. 30

Private  
 Private  
 Private  
 Private

24 Mass. Unattached Company  
 Co. B, 3 Mass.  
 1 Mass. Battery  
 Co. D, 6 Mass. Infantry

Duxbury, Mass.  
 Roxbury, Mass.  
 Boston, Mass.  
 Lowell, Mass.

*Post 168, Southbridge.*

Edwin T. Torrey . . .

Aug. 9

Private

Co. H, 51 Mass. Infantry

Charlton, Mass.

*Post 169, Norwood.*

Lewis E. Taplen . . .  
 Herbert D. Taylor . . .

June 20  
 Sept. 17

Corporal  
 Sergeant

Co. K, 1 N. H. Cavalry  
 Co. A, 15 Mass. Infantry

Manchester, N. H.  
 Massachusetts.

*Post 171, East Northfield.*

William P. Lamson . . .  
 Isaac L. Thomas . . .

Oct. 28  
 Dec. 24

Private  
 Private

Co. H, 5 N. Y. Cavalry  
 Co. A, 52 Mass. Infantry

Crown Point, N. Y.  
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| N A M E.                           | Date of Death. | Rank.            | Regiment or Ship.                 | Place of Birth.    |
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| <i>Post 176, Huntington.</i>       |                |                  |                                   |                    |
| Wm. L. Crossett                    | Dec. -         | -                | Co. G, 32 Mass. Infantry          | Huntington, Mass.  |
| George Brackett                    | Jan. -         | Private          | Co. H, 42 Mass. Infantry          | Middlefield, Mass. |
| A. D. Fuller                       | Mar. -         | Private          | Co. L, 1 Conn. Heavy Artillery    | Northeast, N. Y.   |
| Chas. B. Hayden                    | May -          | Corporal         | Co. F, 46 Mass. Infantry          | Blandford, Mass.   |
| Russell H. Conwell                 | Dec. 6         | Captain          | Co. F, 46 Mass. Infantry          | Worthington, Mass. |
| <i>Post 179, Barre.</i>            |                |                  |                                   |                    |
| Joseph S. Bruce                    | Apr. 17        | Private          | Co. K, 42 Mass. Infantry          | Petersham, Mass.   |
| <i>Post 180, Concord.</i>          |                |                  |                                   |                    |
| George F. Wheeler                  | Sept. 28       | Private          | Co. G, 47 Mass. Infantry          | Concord, Mass.     |
| <i>Post 181, Needham.</i>          |                |                  |                                   |                    |
| Solomon Warren Hutchinson          | May 4          | Private          | Co. D, 1 Mass. Volunteer Infantry | Dorchester, Mass.  |
| <i>Post 182, Somers.</i>           |                |                  |                                   |                    |
| Ezra V. D. Pierce                  | Mar. 10        | Private          | Co. H, 32 Mass. Infantry          | Swansea, Mass.     |
| Geo. W. Hathaway                   | Mar. 27        | Private          | Co. D, 40 Mass. Infantry          | Assonet, Mass.     |
| <i>Post 185, Lowell.</i>           |                |                  |                                   |                    |
| Charles E. Austin                  | Mar. 31        | Private          | Co. D, 16 N. H. Infantry          | Concord, N. H.     |
| James P. Emerson                   | June 6         | Private          | Co. H, 6 Mass. Infantry           | Chelmsford, Mass.  |
| Greenleaf C. Brook                 | July 23        | Corporal         | Co. C, 1 Mass. Infantry           | Lincoln, Me.       |
| Charles A. Vinal                   | Dec. 8         | Hospital Steward | Co. A, 2 Me. Infantry             | Lowell, Mass.      |
| Albert J. Bixby                    | Dec. 29        | Private          | Co. C, 6 Mass. Infantry           | No. Andover, Mass. |
| <i>Post 188, Beverly Farms.</i>    |                |                  |                                   |                    |
| Ezra P. Williams                   | Feb. 15        | Private          | 1 Mass. Unattached Company        | Beverly, Mass.     |
| George H. Wyatt                    | Aug. 4         | Private          | 2 Mass. Unattached Company        | Wenham, Mass.      |
| George D. Batchelder               | Sept. 14       | Private          | Co. I, 1 Mass. Heavy Artillery    | Wenham, Mass.      |
| William H. Blanchard               | Sept. 17       | Private          | Co. K, 40 Mass. Infantry          | Beverly, Mass.     |
| <i>Post 189, Marshfield Hills.</i> |                |                  |                                   |                    |
| Willard E. Gardner                 | Feb. 16        | Private          | 6 Maine Infantry                  | Meddybemps, Me.    |
| Charles H. Rand                    | May 21         | Private          | Co. F, 1 Mass. Heavy Artillery    | Littleton, Mass.   |
| Truman H. Snow                     | Aug. 21        | Private          | Co. I, 14th Me. Infantry          | -                  |
| William James Baker                | Nov. 14        | Private          | Co. K, 38 Mass. Infantry          | Pembroke, Mass.    |
| <i>Post 190, New Bedford.</i>      |                |                  |                                   |                    |
| Theodore W. Cole                   | Feb. 10        | Private          | Co. I, 3 Mass. Infantry           | Carver, Mass.      |
| Thomas F. Wood                     | Apr. 24        | Sergeant         | Unatt. Co., 3 Mass. Infantry      | New Bedford, Mass. |
|                                    |                | Sergeant         | Co. E, 3 Mass. Infantry           |                    |



DANIEL E. DENNY  
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1917-1918  
DIED NOVEMBER 17, 1925



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| Thomas Taylor                        | Aug. 4   | Private  | . | . | . | . | . | Co. I, 30 Mass. Infantry       | Yarmouth, Mass.     |
| William D. Richards                  | Aug. 13  | Private  | . | . | . | . | . | Co. E, 3 Mass. Infantry        | New Bedford, Mass.  |
| Thompson Hill                        | Aug. 19  | Landman  | . | . | . | . | . | U. S. S. "Louisville"          | Philadelphia, Penn. |
| William Harrington                   | Sept. 27 | Private  | . | . | . | . | . | Co. A, 37 Mass. Infantry       | Monson, Mass.       |
| Frank E. Brown                       | Sept. 27 | Private  | . | . | . | . | . | Co. E, 10 Maine Infantry       | Farnsdale, Maine.   |
|                                      | Sept. 27 | Private  | . | . | . | . | . | Co. E, 23 Maine Infantry       |                     |
| <i>Post 192, North Attleborough.</i> |          |          |   |   |   |   |   |                                |                     |
| James N. Woodard                     | Jan. 20  | Private  | . | . | . | . | . | Co. E, 14 R. I. Infantry       | Rhode Island.       |
| Julius I. Bosworth                   | Mar. 5   | Private  | . | . | . | . | . | Co. B, 11 R. I. Infantry       |                     |
|                                      |          |          | . | . | . | . | . | 1 R. I. Infantry               |                     |
|                                      |          |          | . | . | . | . | . | 11 R. I. Infantry              |                     |
| Willard H. Kempton                   | Jan. 6   | Private  | . | . | . | . | . | Co. B, 2 N. H. Infantry        | Croydon, N. H.      |
| Franklin O. Walton                   | Feb. 5   | Private  | . | . | . | . | . | Co. E, 16 Mass. Infantry       | So. Reading, Mass.  |
| Zeba M. Saunders                     | Mar. 6   | Private  | . | . | . | . | . | Co. H, 1 Mass. Heavy Artillery | Tewksbury, Mass.    |
| Enos T. Cunningham                   | Apr. 17  | Musican  | . | . | . | . | . | U. S. S. "Mississippi"         | Jefferson, Maine.   |
| Joseph S. Ridlon                     | Jan. 9   | -        | . | . | . | . | . | Co. B, 29 Me. Infantry         | -                   |
| Francis A. Chase                     | July 7   | -        | . | . | . | . | . | Co. C, 8 Mass. Infantry        | -                   |
| Charles H. Fowler                    | Sept. 14 | Steward  | . | . | . | . | . | U. S. S. "Kennebec"            | New York, N. Y.     |
| Sylvester O. Phinney                 | Oct. 8   | Private  | . | . | . | . | . | Co. K, 3 Mass. Infantry        | Sandwich, Mass.     |
| Marcus M. Haskell                    | Oct. 29  | Sergeant | . | . | . | . | . | Co. C, 35 Mass. Infantry       | Chelsea, Mass.      |
| Ira McLean                           | Feb. 8   | Private  | . | . | . | . | . | Co. B, 14 Conn. Infantry       | Connecticut.        |
| Joseph O. Patterson                  | Mar. 2   | Private  | . | . | . | . | . | Co. B, 8 Mass. Infantry        | New York.           |

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENCAMPMENT.**

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Senior Vice-Commander Brown: "Comrades, you have heard the report of our Department Commander. What action will you take regarding it?"

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "I move that it be referred to a Committee on Commander's Address." [It is so voted.]

Commander Comey: "The Assistant Adjutant-General will now read a list of the Committees which have been appointed by the Department Commander."

**COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.**

P. C. Alfred H. Knowles, P. C. Thomas J. Amies, Alonzo A. Rackliffe, Post 90.

**COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.**

P. C. George W. Pratt; E. H. Lincoln, Post 125; James F. Flynn, Post 26.

**COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.**

John J. Sheehan, Post 156; John D. Williams, Post 88; P. A. Phinney, Post 143.

"The next Committee is very important, and is a large one. I wish the Comrades, as their names are read, would respond in order that we may know that they are present and ready to perform the duties incumbent upon them."

**COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.***District No. 1.*

N. F. Nickelson, Post 1.  
Moses L. Greene, Post 170.

Henry N. Hopkins, Post 3.  
G. N. Alden, Post 190.

*District No. 2.*

Alvin C. Howes, Post 8.  
Joshua S. Gray, Post 74.

John F. Hatch, Post 73.  
Samuel J. Wade, Post 13.

*District No. 3.*

David Dunbar, Post 58.  
John E. Bronson, Post 144.

W. B. Webber, Post 143.  
Wm. Formean, Post 169.

*District No. 4.*

Chas. O. Newell, Post 7.  
Richard F. Boynton, Post 121.

Martin Feeney, Post 15.  
John H. Mace, Post 191.

*District No. 5.*

C. H. Brackett, Post 5.  
W. E. Carlton, Post 49.

James Morgan, Post 39.  
William H. Morgan, Post 89.  
J. E. Frye, Post 90.

*District No. 6.*

Charles L. Robinson, Post 4.  
Orrin Stone, Post 40.

T. Crowley, Post 42.  
John Shea, Post 12.

*District No. 7.*

Genery T. Darling, Post 10.  
George S. Whitney, Post 22.

A. A. Buxton, Post 19.  
Geo. W. Corey, Post 168.

*District No. 8.*

Wm. B. Covil, Post 16.

W. H. Abbott, Post 71.

## District No. 9.

Alfred A. Lee, Post 79.  
J. R. Hamilton, Post 171.

Edwin H. Lincoln, Post 125.  
John R. Sears, Post 174.

"P. C. Henry Clark is appointed chairman of this committee. Take notice that you are to meet in the hall of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co. immediately after the adjournment of this session."

## COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Wilfred A. Wetherbee, A. A.-Gen.; Walter E. Swan, Post 68; Geo. W. Green, Post 200; Stanley B. Dearborn, Post 12.

"Are there any Posts or Comrades that have resolutions or communications they desire to present? If so, please bring them forward at once for reference to the regular committee.

"Committees of Greeting to the various allied organizations have been appointed as follows:"

Woman's Relief Corps, — P. D. C. Horace Goodwin; L. K. Marston, Post 2, George W. Corey, Post 168.

Ladies of the G. A. R., — P. D. C. Henry Clark; N. F. Nickelson, Post 1, E. J. Foster, Post 10.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, — P. D. C. Wilfred A. Wetherbee, P. D. C. E. F. Morrill; David King, Post 15.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, — P. D. C. George W. Pratt; William H. Morgan, Post 89, Obed H. Ellis, Post 78.

Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary, — P. D. C. George W. Wilder; John A. Brackett, Post 146, Rupert J. Chute, Post 60.

Army Nurses, — P. D. C. Benjamin A. Ham; W. C. M. Howe, Post 194.

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "While you are all here I want to say a word regarding our Home at Newtonville. The Commander has given you his opinion of it, and I know that many of you have the same opinion. We are getting along splendidly — full all the time. We have laid away two of our Comrades within the last few months, but we have a waiting-list of 20; and we could fill up a house of twice the size of the Home if we had the money to do it with; but we have not got it and do not expect to have it.

"The Posts have responded to my last report in a handsome manner, and the Directors of the Home appreciate it. There are Posts that have not given us anything, and if representatives of those Posts would only go out and see the place, I know they would return home sufficiently impressed to induce their Posts to give us something. It is a magnificent Home with everybody happy in it, and we are doing all we can to make the last days of those people comfortable; I trust the comrades of the Posts that have not contributed will think it over. You and your wife may have to go there some day; the woman who gave the first dollar for the support of that Home when it was organized had to come to it a few years ago, because she lost what little money she had; and she lived there until her death, and was happy and fortunate to have that place to go to.

"We have a good Home, but have to depend on the bounty of this and our allied organizations. Most of the Posts are doing well for its support. I trust you will remember it, especially those who have not contributed — try to give us something. I assure you that every cent will be used for the benefit of the Home; there is not an officer that receives a dollar; everything contributed goes to the Home.

"The board of directors consists of five Past Department Commanders, three members of the Women's Relief Corps, two members of the Daughters, one of the Ladies of the G. A. R. and two of the Sons. Besides these, the presiding officer of each of our allied orders is a member *ex officio* of the board of directors.

"I will simply leave the matter there; you have a cordial invitation — to ride out there and see the Home for yourselves, and see what a happy crowd we have there. It is not an 'Institution'; it is a Home. There are no rules to bind them down, other than what there have to be in any similar place. They can go away

at any time by asking. We simply do not expect that they will go out without letting us know."

Commander: "Think of what that little woman does — with that iron will. She has to take the place of a matron and clean up, oftentimes, after the comrades. Think of that woman there giving her life under those conditions. She does it right along, and I admire her for it — she carries out everything so quietly and efficiently; looking after much of the correspondence, and even taking the place of a girl at table, or doing anything that is needed. So I say, — let's support her."

P. C. Horace Goodwin, Post 16: "The Soldiers Home in Massachusetts Comrade Bradley and myself serve on the Board of Trustees. My last inspection was this morning; I came from my home in the western part of the state last night for the purpose of going there and seeing how the institution was being carried on. And I wish, comrades, you could have gone there and made the inspection with me. It should be the pride of the soldier of Massachusetts for men who are enfeebled and decrepit. Our hospital is full of old soldiers. If you could go there and hear the words of satisfaction from those men being cared for by the U. S. government and State of Massachusetts, you would be impressed.

"If there is anything a comrade of the Grand Army prides himself on it is his character and dignity and manhood; and I can point to comrades over there, — calm, peaceful, resourceful, even to their last limit — and going down the western slope of life as real men. I know your age precludes you from getting over there easily, but, if you have an automobile, drive over to the Soldiers Home and see Commandant Parker.

"The young men of our Board, according to the charter of the Soldiers Home in Mass., have come from all directions; we have a president there from the 26th Division of the World War, and others of the same. And I want to say to you, Comrades, that if God ever ordained that men should live and die for their country; if it is a part of the great day of revelation, it means this: 'If you have done it to the least of one of these, my brethren, you have done it unto Me.' And so in the name of the Great Teacher of mankind, who said those words, go over and see what the State of Massachusetts and the United States are doing for their veteran soldiers."

Past Commander Knowles, Post 36: "Your committee on Commander's Address is ready to make its report."

Commander: "We will listen to your report."

Comrade Knowles: "Your committee appointed to report on the Commander's Address states that we have examined the same and find it satisfactory to this Committee, and we therefore recommend its adoption. Report signed by Comrades Knowles, Ames and Rackliffe."

Senior Vice-Commander Brown: "You have heard the report of the Committee on Commander's Address. What is your pleasure?"

(Moved and seconded it be accepted — and so voted.)

Commander: "What other business is there to come before us at this time?"

Junior Vice-Commander Monk: "I would make the motion that a message of sympathy be sent from this Encampment to Comrade Pierson of Post 87, who has been confined to his house for over four months, and I very much doubt if he gets out again. I think it would be a matter of gracious courtesy to send such a message."

Comrade Wade of Post 13: "Being a comrade in the same Company and Regiment, I rise to second that motion. I tell you it touches the heart to know that in this good old Cradle of Liberty, the comrades can send Comrade Pierson a letter of sympathy, even, when we are here enjoying these privileges."

[The motion put to vote and carried. On motion, duly seconded, the session for the morning was adjourned to 1.30 P.M.]

#### AFTERNOON SESSION, April 6, 1926.

Commander: "The Comrades will come to order. Now, are you ready for business? — what have you for our next consideration?"

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "I make the motion that we proceed to the election of officers." [This motion was seconded and carried.]

Commander: "Bring in your nominations for Department Commander."

Comrade Flynn of Post 26: "A resolution was laid on the table at the last Department Encampment which is to come up today, and I move that that resolution be taken from the table. It was a resolution that had reference to using the funds of the Department for paying the expenses of the members to and from the Encampment at Grand Rapids, and it was laid on the table for action today. It was not referred to any committee, but should be acted on here today."

Commander: "What is the question? — You say there is a resolution that was referred to this Encampment? What is the resolution that was laid on the table?"

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "Commander, the resolution was a recommendation from then Commander Ham in his address which I will read to you. Comrade Flynn said last year, — 'I have been to several banquets and conventions and have always paid my own way, and in order to settle this argument here and now I move that this whole subject be laid on the table until the next Department Encampment.' And it is so voted."

"I will read the recommendation in Commander's Address — 'I recommend that a sufficient sum be appropriated to maintain Department Headquarters at the National Encampment to be held at Grand Rapids, Michigan, during the week beginning August 30, 1925. I further recommend that a sufficient sum be appropriated to pay the expenses for all the delegates to and from the Encampment at Grand Rapids.' That was the recommendation which, on Comrade Flynn's motion, was laid on the table until this meeting."

"Now, I understand there is a resolution coming in here today of the same purport; and if so, they can both be taken up together, as it would be one thing."

Comrade Flynn: "Have you taken this resolution from the table to act on it?"

Commander: "It is up to you; but if there is to be another to come in, we can act on both at the same time."

Comrade Flynn: "It sort of places me in an embarrassing position, as I am a member of the Committee on Resolutions to report, and I know something about that resolution; but I can guarantee that the report on that resolution will not interfere with the recommendations made and presented by Past Commander Ham at the last Encampment, which should be acted on today."

Commander: "You hear Comrade Flynn's remarks, and what shall we do with this recommendation?"

Past Commander Ham: "I don't think there is anything in any resolution coming in here today that has any connection with the motion of Comrade Flynn. And while on my feet I want to make an announcement of another matter, which I am sure will give joy to every heart here."

"We lost the ladies (Army Nurses), — we went to the Hotel Bellevue and they were not there. It was stated that they had gone out. But while in front of the hotel I met a friend of mine who had a dispatch direct from Washington, and he asked me to convey the news to this convention, — that the Civil War Veterans, bill had unanimously passed the House of Representatives. I hope that I can always bring you as good news as that."

"I don't think President Coolidge will veto that bill if it is passed by the Senate as it has been by the House. I had an interview with his private secretary here in Boston, and he intimated that he (the President) would not veto any bill for Civil War Veterans."

[It developed later in the convention that this piece of news was premature. The bill that had passed the House was the increase of pensions to Spanish War Veterans.]

"There is not an organization in the City of Boston today but what pays its delegates to their conventions. Even the Sons of Veterans pay their delegation, but we old men who have only a short time to live — we want to hoard up money — tear down our barns and build bigger, not knowing that within a few years our souls will be required of us."

"And I want to say that notwithstanding the prophecies of some — that I have been in the insurance business for over 20 years, and I tell you that five years from today there will be but a very few members of the Grand Army of the Republic alive."

"But while we are here, I think we should have means of enjoyment, and anything that provides that for us will relieve the stress and strain of life, and ought to be adopted by this encampment; and I move you the adoption of the recommendation which I made last year."

Commander: "You hear the motion. Which is seconded. Is there any more discussion on the question?"

Comrade Flynn: "We have got some money in the treasury of the Department of Massachusetts. I am not looking for any of it and I don't want any of it; but last year I attended the Encampment at Grand Rapids, and we made a horrible appearance in the line. Why? — Because we would not spend any money to make a better show on the parade at Grand Rapids. The Assistant Adjutant-General was not with us on that parade; probably if he had been with us it might have been a little better; but what we lacked on that parade was music; even a drum and fife would have helped us out. It was almost impossible for the old comrades on that parade to keep in step; the Department Commander was dancing a jig all over the street; I could see him change his step every few minutes, because he could not keep step."

"Now, why can't we spend some of this money at the Encampment for the benefit of the Department of Massachusetts? Why hold it? Spend it for us old fellows — hire a band for Des Moines — have the Assistant Adjutant-General telegraph on, and see that we have music on that parade and at future National Encampments."

"As far as I am concerned in regard to paying railroad fares out of the funds of the Department, I care little whether the resolution passes or not to that effect, but there are comrades here who would like to go to the National Encampment but cannot afford to pay the fare; and there is a good deal of gray matter in those old heads, and if they had the opportunity they could show in the encampment what they are made of; and if this Department makes an appropriation for expenses to the National Encampment, I am in favor of that recommendation."

Commander: "I have been told that music was engaged for the Encampment at Grand Rapids. Can anybody tell us about it?"

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "It was understood that we were to have music, — a drum and fife, but I was not able to be with the Department at all times, on account of the office I had been honored with as Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, and consequently I had not seen the musicians, who were expected to be with us. I found out afterwards that they had not left Boston; our old drummer that we had marched behind with so much pleasure was taken sick, so at the last moment he was unable to go. A few days before, he was all right, and I understood we were to have music."

"I know the parade was very bad. The music was more like a funeral march than for a parade, averaging not more than 24 steps to the minute; it was hard. So far as getting a band, I am most heartily in favor of either a band or drum corps, as is thought best, but that does not come within the matter now before the Encampment. In fact, that matter has not been taken from the table, so I do not know whether I should say anything until it is before you; but when taken from the table I should like to say something."

Past Commander Ham: "I move that that be taken from the table, and the motion I made, seconded by Comrade Flynn, be placed before the house." [This motion was put to vote and carried.]

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "Now, I would like to say a few words, because I am heartily opposed to the motion."

"We have in this Department \$12,000, and if this motion prevails you will pay out \$1,900 of it this year for fares for the boys to Des Moines. Some of our Comrades are 'crying baby' over the prediction that the Grand Army is not going to last but four, possibly five years. I don't know where they get their figures; they certainly do not get them at Headquarters. But I will say to you, that if the deaths average in the years to come as they have in the past number of years, in six years from now we shall have a Department here in Massachusetts larger than the Department of New Hampshire at the present time. I predict that in 5 or 6 years we shall have a thousand members living in this Department."

We shall have nearly twice as many as the Department of Vermont has at the present time.

"Now, as to this recommendation of Past Commander Ham — I may speak harshly, but there is no feeling; we are good friends — I have not the slightest feeling when I say that Comrade Ham had not the slightest idea, when this thought came to him, of paying one cent out of Department funds for the *delegates* to the National Encampment — he will agree with me. He came to me at Headquarters last year and said he was going to recommend in his address that the Department should pay the expenses of the *Past Department Commanders*, and that was all. I told him that he would get himself into hot water very quickly if he took any such step as that; and that if he was going to pay anybody's he should pay for the delegates as well, and he hemmed and hawed for a minute, and then thought it was a pretty good idea.

"Now, Comrades, what is a Past Department Commander? He is just the same as the humblest comrade that sits on this floor. After he has been elected Commander, and served his time, he goes back into the ranks, and takes his place with no rights other than those enjoyed by every comrade. Having served a year as Commander does confer upon him the privilege of being a life member of the National Encampment.

"Thirty or forty years ago this Department was rent almost in twain by a fight in regard to a 'House of Lords,' and for years our meetings were in a regular uproar on that question. I tell you if you pass this rule, you are going to create just such a House of Lords.

"It is the privilege of these men to go if they wish to, but are you going to pay their expenses — when there are a lot of boys on the floor who cannot get their expenses paid? I don't think that is square, boys, and I am going to leave it to you to say whether it is or not.

"We were told the other day at Waltham that the average age now is 83, and that the Comrades were getting so old they would soon have to give up. There were 60 in that hall, and before these comrades could sit down there were three men saying — 'I am 90' — 'I am 91' — 'I am 92' — and 'I am going to live a good many years yet.' Our boys are not going to die half as fast as these calamity-howlers say, who look on the dark side. I have been brought up to look on the bright side, and I thank God for it. Six years from now I believe there will be those of you who will say I am correct when I predict we shall have 900 to 1,000 living members in this Department at that time.

"I never was in the insurance business, but I want to say that if I am any judge of Grand Army life, and I have seen quite a little of it, I believe we are going to have an organization of the Department of Massachusetts G. A. R. for more than four years — and more than six years.

"Now the question comes are you going to spend all this money within the limits of a few years; or, as we are talking now, shall we pay the bills of delegates going to encampments and let the future care for itself? There are many of our comrades who go every year, not as delegates but as Comrades because they want to be at the Encampment; they are willing to pay their own expenses and want to do it.

"That has been the situation, I believe, for 60 years; Comrades have been going and will go just the same. I don't think we can afford to lower our treasury at the rate that this recommendation would mean; — it will mean \$1,900, as I say, for this year. But there is another way in which we can help every comrade of every Post, and which I would be willing to agree to.

"I do believe that this money should not be spent to pay the expenses of Past Department Commanders. We look upon the delegate, after he has been appointed, as obliged to go, but at the same time the Past Department Commanders can do as they please, for they figure no more than you comrades sitting there in the back seat."

A Comrade: "The question before us is not to pay the fares of Past Department Commanders."

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "I don't believe there is a business man on the floor, if he has got \$5,000 or \$10,000, who is going to spend it foolishly.

We have got to run this Department for a number of years, and we have got to provide for it."

Comrade Flynn: "I was absent at the last Encampment, being on a detail sent over to the Sons of Veterans, and during the absence of Comrades Knowles, Gilbert and myself the Women's Relief Corps came in here and presented this Department with \$600, as I am informed, towards paying the expenses of delegates to the National Encampment. Now, what has become of that \$600?"

"I understand the Council of Administration took it into their hands and turned it over to the funds of the Department. Is that correct?"

Commander: "I think so."

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "That is open to a little explanation. That money came to us because Past Commander Ham went to those organizations and asked them to give us some money for that purpose; and when it was brought up I didn't like the idea of his taking any such attitude of putting the Grand Army in the light of going around and begging money. The matter was referred to the incoming Council of Administration. Comrade Ham appeared before the Council and demanded the money contributed be returned to the organization donating it, claiming it had been given for a special purpose. In compliance with the vote of the Council, the Adjutant-General wrote asking if there was a string attached to the amount, and if so whether they desired the money returned to them; and in both instances they stated that there was no string, and wanted us to keep the money and put it into our general fund."

Past Commander Ham: "Some of these statements are correct. When he stated he was the one that suggested that these delegates' fare be paid to the National Encampment — to me, and that I recommended it here, he was correct; that is true. But when he makes the statement in relation to the return of the money, I asked the Council to return it."

"Now then, the blue-book from our National Encampment states plainly that any money contributed for a specific purpose shall be used for that purpose; and when the Adjutant-General and Council of Administration turned that into treasury funds they violated the constitution of the Grand Army of the Republic, — its mandates as coming from the general session. Then again, there is another matter I had in my mind to discuss. That is in relation to the \$12,000 that there is in our Department, and in relation to — as he says, — to my going to various members of the auxiliary organizations and asking them to contribute to the Department. That is true, but why did I do that? The year before, there wasn't a single dollar that came into this Department from the Women's Relief Corps, and they told me that as long as we had \$12,000 in the treasury they didn't think it their duty to give us any money. And that is why I asked them to contribute, as I did other organizations, for a specific purpose. And if we had one they would contribute to it; but if we didn't they wouldn't contribute a dollar. And that is where our friend makes one mistake; he did not tell it all, and I am giving you the facts in the case."

"Now, then, you don't know the whole story yet. We have \$12,000 in the treasury, but we have \$5,000 in the hands of the Sons of Veterans, and it is stipulated in the raising of that money by the Sons of Veterans that it shall never be used for any other purpose than for the benefit of the G. A. R."

"Now, that was the foundation of that amount of money now laid in the hands of the Sons of Veterans, and they say that when we ask for any amount of that money we will receive it from them. So, at our command, there is lying \$17,000. And our friend is hopeful of a long life for the organization, and I hope so too, as long as we can be of use to our fellowmen; but let me call attention to one fact, that during the past year 460 of our comrades have fallen by the wayside —"

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "437, — to be exact."

Past Commander Ham: "We are 83 years old, on the average, and who can say that the percentage from 83 to 87 will not be greater than it was last year? Now we have 2,667 members, and in my Post meetings we cannot muster over 9 today. Tell me, — in three years from now how many of those men at 87 or 88 will be able to come here? In three years from today the number will be

small; they are smaller than they were three years ago; there are not over 300 in this hall today; time has been when there would be 600.

"Of the delegation that went to Grand Rapids, I want to say that there were but three of the Past Commanders, — Comrades Clark, Wetherbee and myself."

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "I want to say that those statements I made regarding the donations of money are in black and white in the records on Beacon Hill.

"He says we have \$17,000, and \$5,000 of it held by the Sons of Veterans. They have been holding that money. They have not even made a proffer of it to the G. A. R. The other organizations have been giving us money right along.

"Now, I don't believe in begging from other institutions for the Grand Army as long as we have \$12,000 in our treasury. There were 437 died this year, and last year there were 495; the year before 500; the deaths have been running 50 to 60 less each year, for as the members decrease the mortality decreases because there are not so many to die. Next year the chances are, if the ratio continues, that there won't be more than 300 deaths in this organization."

Past Commander Ham: "Wasn't that up to the 1st of January?"

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "Yes, the figures are all taken from the same date; so that part of it does not come into account at all. It is a question whether or not you feel that you ought to pay \$1,900 a year out of the treasury, and work it out that way; and I want to say right here that a Resolution coming in here today will take out \$1,042 more. And next year our income will be \$2,000 less than it has been this year; so you can see pretty nearly where you are coming out in two or three years — you won't have a cent!

"Now, think of these things and see if you want to spend \$1,900 to send Comrades to the National convention. I am a little better acquainted with affairs at Headquarters than most of you, and I want you to know what they are; and so far as expenses are concerned, we are laboring all we can to keep them down in order that the money you have now shall last us for absolutely necessary expenses as long as the Grand Army is likely to exist."

Comrade Brackett of Post 5: "It seems to me you are establishing a precedent in paying these expenses; you are making a privileged class, and everyone will be struggling to get into that class, and those who don't get in will be jealous of those who do go, and that will make it very unpleasant here in our organization. Now, I have been told by one of the Committee that I have been recommended as a delegate to Des Moines, and I am willing to pay my own expenses."

Comrade Lincoln of Post 125: "I think we have talked long enough on this matter and that the convention knows what it wants to do. Therefore, I move the Previous Question."

Commander: "You hear the motion of Comrade Lincoln. All in favor of it please signify by a rising vote. The question is shall the Previous Question prevail. All those in favor say Aye. [The motion passed with only one vote in opposition.] Now shall we adopt this Recommendation that has been discussed?"

Comrade Bradley of Post 2: "Several have come in since the recommendation was read, and I think, if we want to vote intelligently, we all should know what we are voting on."

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "I will read it. Commander Ham in his address recommended as follows: 'I further recommend that a sufficient sum be appropriated to pay for all the delegates to and from the Encampment at Grand Rapids.'

"That was entirely out of order. I think we all are big enough to understand this means — pay to Des Moines."

Past Commander Ham: "And also recommended by your present Commander."

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "Our present Commander says: 'I recommend also that a sufficient sum be appropriated to maintain Department Headquarters and of the Department Commander and of the Assistant Adjutant-General at the National Encampment to be held in Des Moines, Iowa, during the week commencing September 19, 1926.'

"Nothing about any delegates or anything else. So that is what we are voting. Those who vote 'Yes' vote to pay the expenses of delegates, and that includes all that go as delegates to the Encampment. Those who vote 'No' vote that it shall not be done."

Past Commander Bradley: "That would not include Past Department Commanders, as they are not delegates."

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "They are reckoned so here."

Past Commander Bradley: "I think we are mixing this thing up, — a man might believe he voted to pay delegate expenses, as it has been argued here that some of those who would like to go could not go."

"I would not include the Past Commanders; it seems to me that should be separated in some way, so that we can vote a certain way. A business man may be willing to do a certain thing, but not willing to lug in something else. There are 13 Past Department Commanders, and I suppose not more than half of them would go."

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "Every one would go if you pay his expenses."

Past Commander Bradley: "I would never think of going to a National Encampment without paying my own expenses, as I have done all through my connection with the Grand Army from the time I joined it up to the present time, and have never taken one copper —"

Comrade Lincoln: "You have got to put the Previous Question, Mr. Commander."

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "The Previous Question is, shall the expense represented by 'I further recommend that a sufficient sum be appropriated to pay for all the delegates to and from the Encampment at Grand Rapids' be incurred?"

Commander: "All those in favor of that question." [It is not a vote.]

Past Commander Ham: "I doubt the vote and call for a rising vote."

Commander: "The vote is doubted. All those in favor of that recommendation will please rise and stand in their places to be counted. [Only five or six rise, and Comrade Ham indicated that he was satisfied.] It is not a vote. Now, what is the next thing to come before this convention?"

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "I move that we proceed to the election of officers."

Commander: "Is the Committee on Credentials ready to report?"

Comrade Dearborn: "We made the number present this forenoon 329."

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| Department Officers . . . . .         | 9     |
| Past Department Commanders . . . . .  | 6     |
| Post Commanders . . . . .             | 66    |
| Past Post Commanders . . . . .        | 97    |
| Past Senior Vice-Commanders . . . . . | 39    |
| Past Junior Vice-Commanders . . . . . | 30    |
| Representatives . . . . .             | 82    |
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Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "When General Orders went out last August in letters three times the size of the rest of the Order it said, — 'The adjutant will send in the names of all present living Past Post Commanders.' About one-third sent them in, and we have had more trouble — and today have had to fill out many where the adjutant did not send in. We cannot send them out unless the adjutants send them in, and we want the Commanders to see that the adjutants do their duty."

Past Commander Geo. W. Pratt: [Reporting as Chairman of Committee on Resolutions.] "Resolved, that the Massachusetts Grand Army of the Republic, in convention assembled, do hereby endorse Senate Bill 3646, and earnestly urge its adoption by the Congress of the United States. And resolved, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Senator and Representatives from Massachusetts."

"Your committee recommends the adoption of this resolution. (Signed) George W. Pratt, Edward L. Lincoln, James F. Flynn, — Committee. I will read the Bill:

"*A Bill granting Pensions to Certain Blind Children over the Age of Sixteen Years, and for Other Purposes.*

"*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.*

"That from and after the passage of this Act the following children, subject to the following conditions and limitations, shall be entitled to and shall be paid a pension at the rate of \$36 per month:

"(1) Children who are blind or so nearly blind as to be helpless and who are (a) now on the pension roll under any Act of Congress, public or private, in force at the time of the passage of this Act, and receiving a less rate than hereinbefore provided, or (b) are hereafter placed on such roll under any Act of Congress in force at the time of the passage of this Act at a less rate than hereinbefore provided.

"(2) Children who, subsequent to the age of sixteen years, have become blind or so nearly blind as to be helpless.

"(3) The children described under (1) and (2) shall be those of a person who served in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States during the Civil War or the war with Spain, and who (a) served for ninety days or more and was honorably discharged from such service, or (b) regardless of the length of such service either died in such service or was honorably discharged for a disability incurred in such service or in the line of duty."

Commander: "What shall we do with this?"

Past Commander Ham: "I move that the recommendations of the Committee on Resolutions be adopted."

[This motion is seconded and carried.]

Chairman Pratt: "Resolved, that we will give our undivided support to the Constitution of the United States and to its maintenance." Your Committee recommends the rejection of this resolution, as it is not necessary; for the reason that every comrade who wears a Grand Army button or badge has once before said on the open Bible that he would honor the Constitution of the United States, and would respect its laws. So we think it is unnecessary at this time; while we leave it with you, we consider it unnecessary."

Commander: "Shall we adopt this recommendation of our Committee? All in favor say Aye." [It was voted to reject.]

Chairman Pratt: "Resolved, that there shall be no soliciting of money from the Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, or from any member of the G. A. R., by any member of the G. A. R. for any purpose whatsoever; and that all officials of the G. A. R. shall take due notice and govern themselves accordingly. Your Committee recommends its rejection."

Past Commander Ham: "Mr. Chairman, I move a suspension of the rules and the adoption of this recommendation; and the reason why I do this is because there is another Resolution which should have been read previously to this, and that is a reason that this is brought forward."

"I want to say there is over \$2,000 taken out of the pockets of the Comrades of this Commonwealth that ought to stay in their pockets, and I believe it is radically wrong. I am not talking for myself, but I think that you who have borne the burdens of the 'heat of the day' have borne burdens enough, and ought not to be solicited for any amount of money, either in the Posts or as individuals."

"Now, there is another Resolution I would ask our Committee on Resolutions to read before acting on this Resolution."

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "I want to call the attention of the Comrades to one thing, — if this resolution passes, the Gov. John A. Andrew Home will have to close its doors."

Past Commander Ham: "That is why I want this Resolution read before you have anything to say."

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "I don't believe, with the exception

of Comrade Ham, there is a man in this Hall who is not willing to give what little he can for the relief of his comrades and their wives or widows. I am astounded that any comrade should rise here to make such a motion as that; he is, in my opinion, entirely unworthy the name of 'Comrade.'

"We have a Home out there depending on what you and the allied organizations and other friends give. We have a good Home; and now you are going to say we shall not be allowed to make an appeal. While it is optional with Posts to contribute or not, there is not a Post in this Department that cannot raise \$5 in the course of the year for that Home. Some of them give a good many times more than that.

"But if this resolution prevails, the Gov. John A. Andrew Home will have to close its doors, and put 20 poor people, widows 83, 85 and two or three over 90, out on the street."

Past Commander Ham: "Not at all. I will ask you to refrain from making any comments until the comrades hear the resolution I have put forth in relation to the John A. Andrew Home."

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "This is the one before us."

Past Commander Ham: "I know it is, and you are taking undue advantage when you keep back my resolution."

Past Commander Alfred H. Knowles: "I wish to say that I stand with my comrade, the Assistant Adjutant-General on the John A. Andrew Home today, tomorrow and forever. It is one of the best institutions of its kind in the United States of America today, and I am proud to add that I am one of the officers of it."

Past Commander Ham: "Why sit in judgment upon me? I hope Comrade Knowles will be consistent and not express his opinions until he hears the Resolution that I have written in relation to the John A. Andrew Home."

Commander: "Let us hear that resolution."

Chairman Pratt: "I did not understand that this had any relation to that —"

Past Commander Ham: "Read that portion of it which relates to the John A. Andrew Home."

[At this moment the arrival at the outpost of the National Commander was announced and with due formality the Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief is escorted to the platform.]

Comrade Bradley: "Mr. Commander, it gives me great pleasure to introduce to you the representative of the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, who on account of sickness is not able to be here today; but in his loyalty to this Department he has sent in his place Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief Oscar A. Janes of Detroit, Michigan, to represent him and the Grand Army; it gives me great pleasure to introduce to you and through you to the Department of Massachusetts, the Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief Janes." [Applause.]

Commander Comey: "The Department of Massachusetts now gives the national representative appropriate greeting and welcomes him to this old 'Cradle of Liberty.'"

*Address of Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief Oscar A. Janes.*

"Department Commander and Comrades of the Department of Massachusetts Grand Army of the Republic: When I came here I asked Comrade Hosley where the Encampment was being held, and he said 'in old Faneuil Hall.' Yes, I remarked, I have known something of old Faneuil Hall; that is the place where Liberty was born — the cradle of liberty of the old Commonwealth of Massachusetts. And your meeting here ought to give you an inspiration as to the principles of this government in the remembrance of the sacrifices and efforts made here, and the blood shed in Boston and vicinity in behalf of a free government.

"Another reason why I enjoy being with you in your Encampment is that, during the historic struggle of the Revolution, where Boston and those in its vicinity suffered and fought and bled and died, one of my ancestors was in that fearful struggle; and the evidence of that I have from the Adjutant-General of your State who has recounted his services, and it was through that that I was enabled to unite with the Sons of the American Revolution, because my ancestor

was a Massachusetts man and fought for liberty, justice and right, and for the independence of this nation.

"Again I rejoice in coming here because later, during 1861 to 1865, the regiment I belonged to, the 4th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, was brigaded with a Massachusetts regiment of noble fame for fighting qualities, — that Irish regiment — the 9th Massachusetts. If we got into trouble with any other organization the 9th Massachusetts always came to our aid; and, vice versa, when they got into trouble the 4th Michigan went to their assistance. Then later on we were brigaded with another Massachusetts regiment, the 32d, but only for the period of one year. And so those things were recalled to my mind as I came here to Boston, and the associations I enjoyed with those I have named during that terrible struggle for the nation's life.

"As intimated by your Commander, I bring the regards of the Commander-in-Chief, who is at home sick and unable to be here with you, which I regret very much also, because you would hear from his lips more than you will from mine of what our great order has been doing this year and is to do; but he has delegated me as his representative, and so I am here as the Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

"I see a goodly number here, showing that Massachusetts, where the membership is diminishing, can at its annual gathering present a good attendance at its Encampment, — more than we can get together in Michigan at a Department Encampment. Naturally it would be so, for as I look over the heads of this assembly I see scarcely one but has got a bald head or gray hairs, indicating that you are going on nearer to the end of life; for as the record shows, some 20,000 to 25,000 are going over the river to join their comrades on the Other Shore each year.

"You probably noticed by the Commissioner of Pensions report the number on the pension roll; they are all there under the law on account of service, and that there were 114,696 out of that Army of 2,250,000 which had responded to the call of country to save that flag from destruction and these States from disunion. And, as naturally would be expected, when the average age of a survivor today is between 82 and 83 years. And so our numbers are beginning to diminish rapidly; the Encampments are going to become less and less in numbers and membership. From the last report I think 55,000 and some hundreds, — only about half of those living today who served in that strife. So it is necessary to touch shoulder to shoulder, elbow to elbow, and go forward in the great work which the Grand Army of the Republic was destined for, and for which it has accomplished so much during the years of its existence.

"Doubtless you are all interested in the matter of pensions, but I don't suppose the Commander-in-Chief, if here, would give you much encouragement as to the present status of pension matters in the Congress. I served last year upon the Legislative Committee, and appeared before the committees in the lower House and the Senate on pensions, and there discussed for two days the subject matter; and while the committees expressed their willingness to present the Grand Army Bill to the Senate and the House, yet they discouraged us as to the success of its becoming a law. They said, 'We can pass it in both houses; we have passed it twice and we can pass it again, but we are fearful it cannot get by the White House; and if we cannot get it by the White House, we cannot pass it over the President's veto.' And it is because so many Representatives and so many Senators have political patronage they would like to have the President favor, and anything gets in the way of his wishes they will not serve; so they are prone to look after their own skins and let us go.

"And I would say that it is the same now. Several Civil War pension bills have been presented for the comrades, and for their widows. The Legislative Committee of the Grand Army appeared before them and had a hearing, and they made all sorts of inquiries in regard to it, and many expressed the idea they would be very glad to report it out; but has there been a single Civil War pension bill reported in either the Senate or the House? I have kept track of it and know there has not been a single bill reported yet by the Committee. Congress expects to adjourn the middle of next month; the time is getting very short, and I venture to say that there will not be any Pension Legislation.

"Although the Spanish War Veterans had a bill and very actively got to work, and the chairman of the Spanish War Pension Committee in the House introduced a bill which was approved by the Spanish War encampment, and he reported some of it six weeks ago, and yet he was not able to get any action thereon until yesterday. Many members of the House criticised him as being chairman why he had not got action, but he said, 'I cannot get it considered.' The leaders of the House, Chillson of Connecticut and Snell of New York, would not consent because the rules were that no legislation would be considered unless those men would agree that it might have a right of way. He said he would get it as soon as they permitted it to be heard; and I see by the press that it was passed by the House yesterday. But I predict that if it goes to the Senate it will sleep there — that is my prediction. But a Civil War pension bill has not yet been reported.

"Now, it takes a great deal of force and work to make those fellows down there understand that if they are going back to Congress they will have to do something for the Veterans, not only of the Spanish but of the Civil War. Why, the Women's Relief Corps has 230,000 or more, the Daughters and Sons of Veterans, and those allied with them, have all got a vote, and if those fellows could understand that if they don't stand by what is just and right, — what Abraham Lincoln said — 'Care for those who have borne the battles, and for the widows and orphans' — they may hear from them. The Spanish War movement went outside of its auxiliaries; they had labor organizations working and sending resolutions; they worked. But we have been idle, relying on the fact that the Grand Army of the Republic ask for it and, therefore, ought to get it. Unless there are urgent requests; unless a strenuous effort is made to impress upon those in authority there, not only in the Congress, but in the White House, you will have to wait, and pension legislation will necessarily be postponed.

"Of course I know the Executive — the Chief Magistrate of this great scheme of commonwealths — but he is so imbued with the idea of reducing the debt of the country and practising economy as to lose sight of the men who saved the nation and gave it not only to the world, but to make it stand out as the most prominent nation of the world in everything that goes to make a government of humanity, justice, liberty and right. He does not seem to think of that, and of the average age of 82 here, and if anything is ever going to be done for them it should be done now, and not postponed until the last one dies. [Applause.]

"I don't know how true it is — my brother comrades may know this — but I saw it in the press not long ago; that when President Coolidge was Governor of this Commonwealth a proposition was presented by your legislature to pay to those who went to the World War, and carried the flag and extended its influence in behalf of good government, — that when the Bill came to him he gladly signed it and said this: 'I think it is a great honor for Massachusetts to be one of the first States to grant the men — the men who put aside their work, their labors, and went forth to extend the influence of this country in the Great War; and that they should be honored and remembered.'

"If that was his sentiment then why ought it not to be so now toward the men who saved this nation, who saved the country from destruction, and made it possible for it to retain the great influence it has on the world today? Why not care for those men who have passed beyond four score years of age during the few years they yet have to live? [Applause.] So much as to the matter of Pensions, and my efforts in the past to aid in securing them.

"Now, I trust you will all live another year, and we will see what attention we can all give the matter. We have died off so rapidly, both Civil War veterans and their widows, that in four years there has been a surplus of over \$52,000,000. left over, and why not turn it to the benefit of those living instead of letting it lie there in the budget or be used for various things? That fifty-two millions of dollars thus saved would be all that might be required for the increase to the Civil War veterans at \$72. a year.

"I have talked long enough, and you have been patient in listening to me; but I want to say this to my comrades and friends: There is work yet to be done, not only in the matter of pensions but in respect of the ideals and principles of our government — that it shall not be changed subservient to some other ideals.

I don't know how it is here, but in Detroit we have an element seeking to inject radicalism, communism, bolshevism, and all those things that tend to the undermining and destruction of our form of government. Watch the situation carefully. Exert your influence; do not let any red flag be displayed in your streets, to take the place of the red-white-and-blue, with its white stars, of the flag for which you made such sacrifices and gave such service, that it may and should become the emblem of glory, of righteousness, and of good government, not only to our own people, but to all the nations of the world."

[Applause and cheers as the Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief concluded his address.]

Commander: "I now have great pleasure in introducing to you Commander-in-Chief Edwin C. Ireland of the Sons of Veterans of the Civil War."

Commander Ireland: "Mr. Commander, of our parent organization that has made possible our existence, and you Comrades who have given so much of your service to the United States, that it might be what it is today — and have given to us, your sons, a citizenship in this great united country of unlimited opportunities — I bring to you the love and felicitations, the heart-beats and patriotic desire to emulate you men who brought forth all this out of great dangers — even to this present period.

"And I say to you that this is the voice of nearly 60,000 sons who are banded together for more noble principles than those which you have heard expounded from time to time. We are banded together for service to you, our parent organization; we are banded together for a noble and glorious work; our order is dedicated to the memory of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, and when I speak thusly I refer particularly to perpetuation of the memory of those comrades of yours who are not as yet recorded in history, or to whom history has not as yet given a page.

"It is to the memory of those comrades who gave their all, who on the battle-field shared their sustenance with those less fortunate than themselves, who gave to fevered lips the last drop of water in the canteen; it is to the comrade who held the wounded soldier in his arms, and whispered in his ears words of consolation and cheer as the departing spirit passed through Jordan to the Other Side — to all these we pay a tribute here today. And I feel sure if we could gather together all these sweet messages they would voice but one great exhortation to the American nation today, namely, that of devotion to the memory of every member of the Union Army that fought in the Civil War.

"Our order, as I have already intimated, is at the service of the Grand Army of the Republic. We have already been before legislative committees in the Congress at Washington; my legislative committee is working tooth-and-nail, and with equal earnestness, with that of the Grand Army. We hope, even though the clouds may seem dark at this time, for the success of the pension legislation we are so anxious to have passed. We hope that there may be a silver lining to the cloud, and that we may see the glorious sun of success come forth.

"We feel as your sons that we want to do whatever lies in our power to make your declining days peaceful, happy and secure. We trust that this nation, which was given a new birth of freedom through you, may ever remain the greatest nation on earth. I feel that it would not be inappropriate when speaking of the merits of our order to quote the words of Henry Ward Beecher, because they seem to typify and bring out most forcibly the reasons why our order exists:

"Oh, tell me not that they are dead, that generous host, — that army of invincible heroes which hovered as a cloud of horsemen above this nation!

"Are they dead, but yet speak louder than we can speak? Are they dead, but yet could that mouth whisper and inspire the people with more noble motives?

"Every mountain and hill shall have its cherished name; every river shall keep some solemn title; every valley and every lake shall cherish its honest registry. And until the mountains are worn out and the rivers forget to flow; until the clouds weary of replenishing the springs, and the springs forget to gush and the rills to sing — shall their names be kept fresh with reverent honors which are to be inscribed on the books of national remembrance!"

"My order stands for that. I thank you." [Applause.]

Comrade George Hosley: "You are busy in your convention, and we have got two more places to visit before the banquet at the American House, so I hope you will permit us to depart without further ceremony."

[The national officials retire, followed by a great ovation of applause and cheers.]

Commander: "We will now listen to the remainder of the report of the Committee on Resolutions."

Past Commander Pratt: "Comrades, the resolution that I presented to you in behalf of the Committee Comrade Ham says should accompany another resolution he wishes read to you. We could see no connection with it, so it came to us as a separate resolution and we have represented it as such; we could not see that it solicited money for any purpose whatever. This resolution I previously read we recommend be rejected:

"That there should be no soliciting of money from Posts of the G. A. R. or any member of the G. A. R., or any expense attached to any member of the G. A. R. for any purpose whatsoever; and that all officials of the Grand Army of the Republic shall take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.' And on that resolution we recommend rejection.

"Resolved, that this Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic by this act create a commission of four comrades of the G. A. R. and one Son of Veteran to hold as trustees the special fund of the G. A. R. created by this act. The chairman of said trustees, the secretary and treasurer, shall give bonds to be paid from the special fund. The chairman shall sign all checks drawn by his secretary, and pay them out as ordered by a majority of the trustees.

"SECTION 2. Of the \$12,000 now held by the Treasurer of the Grand Army of the Republic \$8,000 shall be paid over to the board of trustees of the special fund; said special fund to be used by the board of trustees to pay the per capita tax, and such sums to the John A. Andrew Home as will take the place of the money being solicited from Posts of the G. A. R., and such other expenses deemed necessary by the board of trustees.

"SECTION 3. No official holding office elected or appointed in said Department of the Massachusetts G. A. R. shall be elected to the board of trustees of the special fund.

"SECTION 4. Any vacancy that may occur on the board of trustees, by death or otherwise, may be filled by the trustees.

"SECTION 5. Recommended for trustees, — Past Commander Henry Clark, Past Commander John D. Billings, Past Commander George A. Hosley, Past Commander Alfred H. Knowles. Recommended for Sons of Veterans, — Henry Weiler."

"We consider this resolution of such importance that we do not think there will be time for this Encampment to consider it; and, therefore, we recommend that the matter of this resolution be referred to the incoming Council of Administration, with instructions to report at the next Department Encampment. 'Signed' — George W. Pratt, E. H. Lincoln, James F. Flynn."

Commander: "The Chair rules that there is no connection between those two resolutions, and therefore we will take action on the resolution first presented by the Committee, which it does not recommend."

Past Commander Ham: "I am perfectly agreeable that it should be laid over [evidently referring to the later resolution] until next year; but I want the Comrades to understand that there is no one who holds the John A. Andrew Home, and the noble woman that has conducted it, in higher esteem than I do. And I want them to understand that I provided in that resolution so that the money would not be taken out of the pockets of comrades but would be taken out of the \$12,000 which we now hold, or from a special fund that would be created by the act which I have proposed by that resolution.

Comrade Stoddard of Post 62: "I live within a stone's throw of the John A. Andrew Home, and I know that Home — and we all know how it is being managed and the sacrifices made to maintain that Home. No member in that Home, as far as I know, is related to the Charles Ward Post 62 of Newtonville, but they come from you and your Posts, although the house is located in Newton. I go there as often as once in three weeks with things for those ladies, — most

excellent ladies, wives of veterans — all from your Posts. Do all you can for them, for I am sure those who conduct that institution will spend the money economically."

Commander: "The question is shall we adopt the recommendation of the Committee on Resolutions."

Past Commander Ham: "I move that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted." [It is so voted.]

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "On the second resolution I would like to ask Comrade Ham a question. He has suggested that a committee be appointed to handle our funds, and I would like to ask if that suggestion means that the comrades who have been elected by this Department, the Commander and all the other officers and the Council of Administration, who have handled this money, have been false to their duty, so that it is desirable to take it out of their hands and put it in the hands of Sons of Veterans?"

Past Commander Ham: "No. The idea is there shall be two funds, one of \$4,000 and one of \$8,000, and that if there are people who wish to contribute to the special fund they can do so. And if they wish to contribute to the fund already there of \$4,000 they may do that. I believe that that sum is as much as ought to be there; for the reason that as long as we have \$12,000 in the treasury we can not go to the Legislature and ask them to continue the \$2,000 they had given. If there is only \$4,000 there —"

Comrade Flynn: "I rise to a point of order."

[At this stage of the proceedings the Mayor of Boston is announced at the outpost, and he is conducted to the speakers' stand and greeted cordially.]

Commander: "Comrades, I have the pleasure to present to you His Honor the Mayor of Boston, Malcolm E. Nichols, who will say a word to you." [Applause and cheers.]

Mayor Nichols: "Mr. Chairman, Commander and Comrades of the Grand Army of the Department of Massachusetts, I want to thank you for the opportunity of coming here for a few moments and speaking to the finest body of men that I have had the pleasure of meeting since elected mayor of this city; and I do not think anybody will find fault with me when I give that expression of my views.

"I just had a very pleasant visit to three beautiful women [laughter], and I told them that I left their company with regret because I would have been glad to stay there longer and enjoy their society, only that I expected in a few minutes to go before a body of men most worthy to live and to take part in the great events we all witness today. I refer to Mrs. Hazen and the Misses Smith, — three army nurses of the stirring times of old, whom I had the honor to visit this afternoon at the Hotel Bellevue, — three beautiful and noble women, and I have just come from them to give a few words of greeting to you.

"I was sorry to learn today of the inability of Commander-in-Chief Inman to be here because of illness, and hope, Mr. Chairman, that that illness is not serious, and that we shall soon hear that he is out again.

"I am afraid, too, that I interrupted your proceedings at a critical moment, as somebody intimated that you were having a 'fight.' Now, that is what the Mayor of Boston enjoys, and I am glad to know that a fighting spirit exists in your breasts, that fighting spirit of the days you knew so well which can never die.

"And it is for that reason, and because I have that feeling in my heart, that I regard it as a great privilege to extend to you the greetings of this city, which is proud of its ancient traditions, proud of its men and boys of '61, and proud of the great heritage which has come down to us, of which you are a great and honorable part. And it is indeed an honor for me to come here and extend the felicitations of a great city, and express the hope that you will come here again soon, and that I may see you often not only in an official way, but as citizens, as brothers, as sons, and last and best of all — as friends. May God bless you all!" [Loud applause.]

Past Commander Ham: "I move that the recommendation of the Committee on Resolutions be adopted."

Commander: "That question last under discussion has been referred to the

incoming Council of Administration by the recommendation of the Committee, and those in favor of so doing will manifest it." [It is so voted.]

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "I would announce that Memorial Sunday will take place on May 23d by order of the Commander-in-Chief, and Memorial Day will be celebrated as usual on the Monday following the 30th."

Past Commander Pratt (continuing): "'Resolved, that one of the Sons of Veterans selected by Department officials and by Sons of Veterans be invited to help the Assistant Adjutant-General at Headquarters, the expense to be paid out of the Grand Army fund now held by the Sons of Veterans.' Your Committee considers this a matter for discussion among the Comrades, but perhaps if we had known of the lateness of the hour we would have acted differently; but in now presenting it to you we recommend the adoption of this resolution, believing that you will settle this question, — if not now, next year."

Commander: "Shall we adopt this resolution just read?"

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "I don't believe in it. We have at Headquarters an Adjutant-General and a Clerk, who are doing the work satisfactorily as far as we know, and they are likely to do it for some time yet if their services are wanted. I don't believe you can get a Son of Veteran who would be good for anything to come in there for any such price as we could pay; it would be a mighty poor man who would give up his business to come in there for \$500 a year. I say — I don't believe you could find a young man today that would be good for anything, who would be willing to devote eight hours a day at Headquarters of the Department of Massachusetts; for if willing to do that he would be a mighty poor sort of a fellow."

"And, then, there is no call for any such man, and I hope that this will be voted down for that reason. There is no call for such assistance; there would be nothing for him to do. The work is being done properly and promptly, and we don't want any hangers-around, as would be likely under such an arrangement at Headquarters."

Past Commander Ham: "In the way of explanation I want to say that the Secretary of the Sons of Veterans is now paid \$800 a year by them. Now, within a few years — within a year or two, and at present even, — as our good Adjutant has been sick for four or five weeks — we ought to have somebody placed in there to be instructed. We could not run our Post 2 without having a Son of Veteran, and if we need one in our Post why shouldn't we have one in Headquarters, being instructed in the line of work?"

Members: "Question." "Question."

Comrade Ham: "I move that the resolution be adopted."

Comrade Goldthwaite of Post 188: "I move that the Resolution be laid on the table." [It was so voted.]

Comrade Chute of Post 60: "I move that we proceed to the election of officers."

Commander: "The question before the Encampment is on the election of officers; what is your pleasure? [It is so voted.] We will now proceed to the election of a Commander for the ensuing year."

Past Commander Wilder of Post 15: "I move, sir, that the Assistant Adjutant-General cast one ballot bearing the name of Comrade William F. Brown for Department Commander for the ensuing year."

Commander: "Shall we instruct the Assistant Adjutant-General to cast one ballot for William F. Brown, as has been moved?" [It is a vote.]

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "By instructions of this Encampment I deposit a ballot bearing the name of William F. Brown for the office of Department Commander."

Commander: "And by so doing Comrade William F. Brown is elected Commander of the Department of Massachusetts G. A. R. for the ensuing year."

Past Commander Knowles: "I desire to place in nomination for Senior Vice-Commander the name of Henry A. Monk, and move that the Assistant Adjutant-General be instructed to cast one ballot bearing that name." [It is so voted.]

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "In accordance with the vote just taken I deposit one ballot bearing the name of Henry A. Monk for Senior Vice-Commander of the Department of Massachusetts G. A. R. for the ensuing year."

Commander: "Comrades, you have elected Henry A. Monk as your Senior Vice-Commander."

Past Commander Wilder: "I move you, sir, that the Assistant Adjutant-General cast one ballot bearing the name of Edwin J. Foster for Junior Vice-Commander of this Department for the ensuing year."

Comrade Darling: "In all the conventions I have attended we generally have heard the nomination first, then it has been seconded, and then the Assistant Adjutant-General has cast one ballot — which is the proper procedure, in my mind. I may be wrong, but I have belonged to a good many different societies and I never saw a ballot cast until after the nomination had been properly made."

Commander: "The question before us is on the nomination for Junior Vice-Commander, and Comrade Foster has been nominated."

Commander: "The question is on the election of Junior Vice-Commander. You have heard the nominee's name; and those in favor of the Assistant Adjutant-General casting one ballot for Comrade Edwin J. Foster say Aye." [It is a vote.]

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "In accordance with the vote of this Encampment I hereby deposit one ballot for Comrade Foster of Post 10."

Commander: "You have elected Comrade Foster to the office of Junior Vice-Commander for the ensuing year."

Comrade King of Post 15: "I move that we adjourn."

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "I move to amend, that we adjourn until tomorrow at 9.30." [Seconded and so voted.]

Adjourned.

#### MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, April 7, 1926.

Commander Henry N. Comey: "This is an adjourned meeting. The first business of the day is the nomination for Medical Director."

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "If there are no doctors obtainable, we have a man in our Department who is constantly giving out medicine to the Comrades in the way of lozenges, and he has cured a good many; if there is no other nomination I suggest the name of Samuel J. Wade, of Post 13, and you will be all ready for prayers after you take his medicine."

[The question is put, one ballot is cast, and the election is confirmed.]

Commander: "Comrade Wade is elected your Medical Director. Next in order is the election of a Chaplain."

Comrade Chute: "It was my privilege last year to put in nomination Rev. George W. Nead of Post 169, Norwood; the comrade has consented to serve again provided you want him another year, and I know that you do. I take great pleasure in proposing the name of Comrade Nead for the office of Chaplain." [This nomination is seconded.]

Commander: "Those in favor of Comrade Nead serving you as Chaplain —"

Comrade Chute: "I move that the Assistant Adjutant-General cast one ballot bearing the name of George W. Nead for Chaplain." [This motion seconded and carried.]

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "In accordance with my instructions I hereby cast one ballot, bearing the name of Rev. George W. Nead."

Commander: "Comrades, you have elected Comrade George W. Nead as your Chaplain for the ensuing year."

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "I have here the report of the Committee appointed to bring in names for Council of Administration, and the following list is their nomination: Albert L. Fitzmeyer of Post 15, James H. Webb of Post 88, George W. Corey of Post 168, J. Warren Poland of Post 12, William B. Webber of Post 143. If there is no objection I move that one ballot be cast bearing these names. [Seconded.] This report is signed by the Committee, John J. Sheehan, chairman." [It is so voted.]

Commander: "Now, listen to the report of the Committee appointed to bring in a list of delegates to the next National Encampment."

## REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SIXTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

*Representatives.**Alternates.**District No. 1.*

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| John H. Lawrence . . . | Post 1  | Henry N. Hopkins . . . | Post 3   |
| Edward Hague . . .     | Post 46 | George N. Alden . . .  | Post 190 |

*District No. 2.*

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| Alvin C. Howes . . .   | Post 8  | Samuel J. Wade . . . | Post 13 |
| John D. Thompson . . . | Post 74 | Bela Alden . . .     | Post 78 |

*District No. 3.*

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| John E. Bronson . . . | Post 144 | David Dunbar . . .  | Post 58 |
| William Formean . . . | Post 169 | James McElroy . . . | Post 72 |

*District No. 4.*

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| David King . . .     | Post 15 | Dennis Driscoll . . .     | Post 15  |
| Martin Feeney . . .  | Post 15 | John McDonough . . .      | Post 7   |
| John McGrath . . .   | Post 7  | James S. Mitchell . . .   | Post 121 |
| James F. Flynn . . . | Post 26 | Albert A. Nickerson . . . | Post 35  |

*District No. 5.*

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| Alexander S. Wright . . . | Post 5   | Eugene M. Libbey . . .     | Post 5   |
| William E. Carlton . . .  | Post 49  | Charles Smith . . .        | Post 49  |
| George W. Towne . . .     | Post 39  | John A. Brackett . . .     | Post 146 |
| Charles A. Moore . . .    | Post 122 | Charles Stone . . .        | Post 122 |
| Thomas F. Whiting . . .   | Post 89  | Daniel N. Steingardt . . . | Post 5   |

*District No. 6.*

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| Charles L. Robinson . . . | Post 4   | Nathaniel Lauson . . .    | Post 42 |
| Henri Batchelder . . .    | Post 156 | Chester S. Goodwin . . .  | Post 42 |
| John Shea . . .           | Post 12  | Asa Childs . . .          | Post 4  |
| Orrin Stone . . .         | Post 40  | Francis J. O'Reilly . . . | Post 56 |
| T. Crowley . . .          | Post 42  | Joseph A. Wigginn . . .   | Post 4  |

*District No. 7.*

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| Genery T. Darling . . . | Post 10  | L. E. Heath . . .       | Post 22  |
| George W. Corey . . .   | Post 168 | W. W. Tanner . . .      | Post 19  |
| Albert A. Buxton . . .  | Post 19  | E. H. Davenport . . .   | Post 173 |
| George S. Whitney . . . | Post 22  | Roswell C. Powers . . . | Post 116 |

*District No. 8.*

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| W. H. Abbott . . . | Post 71 | E. B. Smith . . . | Post 41 |
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*District No. 9.*

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| James R. Hamilton . . . | Post 171 | Charles H. Arnum . . . | Post 79 |
| John R. Sears . . .     | Post 174 | Frank Spear . . .      | Post 17 |

Orlando F. Hatch, Post 49, Delegate-at-Large  
Dudley Page, Post 42, Alternate-at-Large

On motion it was voted that the Assistant Adjutant-General cast one ballot bearing the above names, and they were declared elected.

Comrade Flynn: "I see that you have elected a list of Delegates and Alternates to the next National Encampment. If I am one of those delegates I would like to see this Department make as good an appearance at Des Moines as any in the

country; and in pursuance of that thought I am going to make a motion that the Assistant Adjutant-General be authorized to procure a band for our parade in Des Moines at the next National Encampment."

Commander: "A motion has been made as you have heard." [It was so voted.]

Commander: "The proper official is instructed to provide music for that occasion."

Commander-Elect Brown: "Having been elected Department Commander, I would like to say a few words at this time. I hope that every comrade who is able will go to Des Moines, for if we are to have a band we want enough comrades following it to make a good showing. Last year we had but a small delegation, but it made up by quality what it lacked in quantity. But I now request every comrade, who feels himself able to go, to be at Des Moines and to join in the parade. The committee of arrangements there promise us something unusual this year. I said to them, — 'You cannot do much more than was provided last year,' and they replied: 'If you will come this year you will find that last year was something like a Sunday School picnic by comparison'; so it is evident that they are laying out something large for this year.

"But I don't want a comrade to endanger his health by taking the trip, — only it is my wish that every Comrade, who may be able, shall decide to go if he takes no chance of endangering his health." [Applause.]

Commander: "What other business have we? —

Commander Alvin C. Howes of Post 8: "In all our legislative affairs, so called, in this Encampment or Department we have had for years a method of taxation which, in my judgment, is obsolete. No one has perhaps thought of it before; if so, I have not heard it expressed, but it is in regard to the per capita tax on Posts.

"Now, for illustration, if on December last you had in your Post, say, 20 members, you forwarded a per capita tax on 20 members. On July 1st next you receive a notice that the per capita tax is due on 20 members, and in that interim you may have lost 5 members, more or less. But under our system of per capita tax you are going to pay next July on the members of your Post who have received their final discharge — laid away to rest. And all the rest of the Posts are going to do the same thing. And I am going to move that this arrangement of per capita tax be referred to the incoming Council of Administration, with instructions to have the per capita tax so arranged that no comrade who has received his final discharge shall be assessed.

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "That is a good point, I will admit, but it is no part of the business of this Department; that is the business of the National Encampment, and the reason is because we have done away with the semi-annual reports. The Departments have no information regarding the actual membership of the order in July unless they send in reports; so it is voted by the National Encampment that payments July 1st shall be the same as those of the preceding December. However, if you are going to put it into a resolution it should be referred to the National organization, for this Department can do nothing about it; it would be a national Order, the same as every regulation that we work under.

"I am going to move as a substitute motion that this Department does not require the payment of the per capita tax from Posts in Massachusetts in future, unless further action shall be taken at some subsequent Encampment."

Commander: "You have heard the motion of Comrade Wetherbee that this Department shall not assess the Posts for a per capita tax unless further action shall be taken by some subsequent Encampment." [It was so voted.]

[The arrival of the Army Nurses was announced.]

Comrade Ham: "I have the pleasure of introducing one of our Army Nurses, Mrs. Mary E. Smith, — one of our former companions in arms."

Commander: "We are delighted to greet you, as we hardly expected to see you this stormy day."

Comrade Wade: "I have the esteemed honor — one of the greatest ever conferred upon me — to present to you, Mr. Commander, and through you to this convention, — Mrs. Helen E. Smith, one of our Army Nurses."

Mrs. Mary E. Smith: "We have only five nurses left in Massachusetts; we buried one two weeks ago. Mrs. Hazen was not able to come this morning as she got rather tired yesterday with the company she had.

"Now, I want to tell you I love every one of you, because you were my Comrades for two years and seven months at the time of the war, and I am always glad to come and meet you; and I bring you the best wishes of the five women, for we may not be with you next year, though I hope to be here; I shall come all alone if able to get here. I am delighted to look into your faces and to wish you a long and happy life. I thank you." [Great applause.]

Mrs. Helen E. Smith: "Good morning, dear Comrades. I am not only a nurse, but the widow of Woodbury C. Smith of Worcester, Mass. It will not be many years more, if any, that we can come to greet you, but you are as old as we are — well into the eighties — and I think it is very fortunate for us all that we are able to meet at this time of our lives.

"I cannot speak too highly of the Daughters of Veterans in what they are doing for the Army Nurses by giving us entertainment at the Hotel Bellevue.

"It fills my heart with sadness to think that the time has gone by when I could work hard for the Relief Corps and the Grand Army. Before the war closed in 1864 I went down to South Carolina and was there until 1866, so I know pretty well what war was. But I won't detain you longer, only to hope that we all may be spared to meet again in this lovely building on some future occasion. I thank you."

Comrade Ham: "Mrs. Hazen's daughter wished me to announce that her mother was unable to come from the Bellevue down here."

[The Nurses retire amidst applause. The Ladies of the G. A. R. were then introduced by Comrade Dearborn, consisting of Past National President Mary E. Tarbox of Maine, Past Department President Stella I. Frost, Past President Rebecca Corthell.]

Commander: "Comrades, I have the pleasure of introducing to you Mrs. Mary E. Tarbox, who represents the national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army. She will address you for a moment."

Mrs. Tarbox: "Department Commander and beloved Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I do not feel that I need any introduction to you, for I have had the extreme pleasure of meeting here with you for many years.

"The State of Maine, you know, was at one time Massachusetts, but when it became so fashionable for divorcees we were divorced from you. Nevertheless, I retain a great love for the old Bay State, and especially for its Department of the G. A. R. Whenever they have a meeting, and it is possible for me to be present, I am with you. Today I bring you the greetings of 70,000 relatives of yours. We are all relatives in the Grand Army of the Republic, because not a person can join our organization unless he has the blood of a veteran in his veins. Consequently how can we ever sever ourselves from you?

"The Grand Army has bequeathed to us that heritage which money cannot buy, and which we treasure sacredly, and shall as long as life lasts. I know you are very busy this morning in your work, as we are in our convention. I just leave with you the greetings of the old Pine Tree State, because many present came from Maine, and you will hear them speak next Monday, as they all turn out when a Maine gathering is held. I leave with you a few original lines: —

Comrades, with the bronze token on your coat of loyal blue,  
It is for you these words are spoken, dearly beloved comrades, brave and true.  
When the Southern cannon thundered, and lightning saber flashed,  
Home ties were sadly sundered, and into battle you wildly dashed.  
Ever shall our song and story tell the debt we owe to you;  
For your valor saved Old Glory and the beautiful Red, White and Blue.

"I thank you for your attention and hope to meet you in session many times."

Mrs. Stella I. Frost: "Department Commander and Comrades, it is my pleasure this morning to bring to you the greetings of the Department of the Massachusetts Ladies of the Grand Army. We are very proud of our heritage, we cherish fond memories of those gone before, and we love the ones still left here with us —

certainly hoping to have you with us many, many years to come. Your ranks are thinning, as ours are, and we must depend on younger material in order to keep this order going. We try to cultivate in the younger element the loyalty they should have for those who saved the Union and who were willing to give their blood that the Stars and Stripes might forever wave. And now, Commander, I am particularly pleased to present to you this personal gift. The gold is small but it is always true."

Mrs. Rebecca Corthell: "Mr. Commander and your fellow Officers in this convention, I cannot add very much to what has been said, but I want to tell you how glad I am to come here as one of the members of this delegation to bring to you the greetings of the Ladies of the G. A. R. I also desire to add my own personal greetings."

"I have been a member of this organization for nearly twenty years, but this is the first time I have had this great honor conferred upon me, and I assure you I am pleased to stand in this old Cradle of Liberty, only a stone's throw from where I was born, and look into your faces today."

"I sometimes think we do not realize the great sacrifices that were made by the men who fought in the Civil War, and how great an influence that war had on the men of that generation. Mere boys went through the fire at that time and learned to suffer with Abraham Lincoln, and who knows better than a soldier's wife the tremendous sacrifices and the suffering of those men in that great struggle? Who appreciates this valuable heritage of ours more than the wives, the mothers, the daughters and the sons?"

"And now this is my message: Abraham Lincoln will live on and on for generations to come, and his name with those of the Boys in Blue will go down into the nation's history as the saviors of the Union. It has often been said that it is glorious to die for one's country. Yes, it is glorious to die if one has done something worth while; and whatever you men did it was to cement a great nation, and so we women have regarded it — in the light of your sacrifices, suffering and patriotic devotion."

"I thank you."

Mrs. Frost: "The Ladies gave me \$100 for the John A. Andrew Home to present to you, Comrade Wetherbee, which I proffer with the best wishes of the donors." [The Ladies retire.]

[A delegation from the Sons of Veterans enters.]

Comrade Pratt: "Commander, I have the honor to present the Past Division Commander of the Sons of Veterans, Guy Richardson."

Commander: "We are glad to welcome you, Commander Richardson. [In the same manner were introduced Col. Frederick G. Bauer, Division Patriotic Instructor, Eugene F. Atwood, Past Division Commander, George B. Stratton, Assistant Division Organizer, and A. G. Wolff, Past Division Counselor, whom Commander Comey greeted cordially in behalf of the Encampment.] Comrades, we will now have the pleasure of listening to Comrade Guy Richardson."

Past Division Commander Richardson: "Commander and Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, first let me express my appreciation of the presence here of this grand old warrior who faces the elements to preside over you today in spite of affliction; and I think you are to be congratulated on your vigor and for the fire of '61 shown in your splendid gathering."

"Now, I have a magnificent delegation here, and you have a bountiful dinner awaiting you, so I have cautioned them all to be brief, and pledge myself to set the example."

"I believe I have one item of news for most of you, and hope it will be acceptable to one and all. You have a distinguished comrade, whose name I am not going to recall, who made a speech yesterday and rubbed it in pretty hard, and said things that did not particularly apply to patriotism; but the general impression was we were not living up to our opportunities. But I want to tell you this, — that action has been taken a few minutes ago by the Massachusetts Division Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War that I think every one will agree shows the interest of that order in its father organization, the Grand Army of the Republic."

"Upon the recommendation of our Division Commander Harry Weiler, knowing

that in Massachusetts there are instances where it comes hard for the Civil War Veterans to maintain the per capita tax, we have decided — and this action was unanimously taken just before we left the hall — that from now on and for all time our Massachusetts Division will pay to your Department the per capita tax of every single Post in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. [Great applause.] And as a part of that resolution we have decided that the first allotment should be immediately paid. We are not in possession of your financial budget, and don't know just how you stand, but we have estimated that the per capita tax amounts to something less than \$800 for the ensuing year. Therefore, I have the pleasure of handing to you the check of the Massachusetts Division Sons of Civil War Veterans for the sum of \$800 to pay your per capita tax for the ensuing year.

"Now, that is the best part of my speech. I won't say much more, only to take the opportunity to speak of something that has been buzzing in my mind. We are not nearly as big as we wish we were, but when I see the multitude of organizations that come before you I begin to believe that the time has come when if we are going to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army as it ought to be, we should adopt the best possible platform, and in the spirit of Daniel Webster, who said 'Liberty and Union, one and inseparable,' we should all come together — amalgamate into one solid organization to perpetuate the memory of you and your deeds forever. I thank you."

[Applause. A motion was made that a rising vote of thanks be given for the gift just received.]

Commander: "Now, Comrades, let's give a rising and a rousing vote of thanks for this generous present."

"We have with us Col. Bauer, in whom we find we have the worthy son of a comrade, and I am especially gratified by the opportunity to present him to you at this time."

Col. Frederick G. Bauer: "Commander and Comrades, I cannot hope to make as good a speech as Past Commander Richardson has made, for you know 'money talks' louder than anything else, and he has exhausted the financial possibilities of the situation."

"I would like to say a few words in a more personal vein, and take my text from the relations which exist between Captain Comey, your Commander, and myself. Our families had been intimate for many years before I was born; he and I are officers of another organization, eligibility to which is based on the fact that our respective ancestors fought to achieve the country's independence 150 years ago."

"In Lossing's *Field Book* of the War of 1812 he describes a gathering on the shores of Lake Erie met to commemorate Commodore Perry's victory; and he relates how the veterans of the War of 1812 were meeting to pass on to those then serving in the field to preserve our Union their spirit; — how they were striving to uphold their hands in the field, they being beyond the military age at the time of the Civil War."

"So, you men who have, as the Greek poet says, 'passed on the torch' to those that come after you, — to the Spanish War Veterans, to those who belong to the American Legion; and as the veterans of the early wars took the torch and passed it on to you, we receive it, the impulse and the spirit, from your hands and shall pass it down to those coming after us. As Sons of Veterans of the Civil War we desire to uphold your beneficent teachings and noble principles. May the torch of freedom and union illuminate every corner of our land and all within it!" [Applause.]

Past Department Commander Eugene F. Atwood: "Commander and brothers, members of the G. A. R., I believe I ought to follow the advice of Brother Richardson and say but a few words. My thoughts go back to the time when I was a boy, and had instilled into me the patriotic ideas you so nobly carried out. My thought goes back to Memorial Day when I followed in the footsteps of your Comrades to decorate the graves of those passed on; and I presume the instructions I received then give me an interest in this organization."

"I thank God that I am a member of this order; I thank God I was sired by one who was a comrade with you. Much can be said in relation to your work; you

have moulded everything for good; this country has been led by you in all its activities for the best results.

"You may have to meet the Great Commander before long, but when you have passed on there will be left in your place and stead an organization known as the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War who will 'carry on' according to the principles you have inculcated during the past 60 years; and they will 'carry on' for you in generations to come." [Applause.]

Assistant Division Organizer George B. Stratton: "Mr. Commander and Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I don't want to waste any of your valuable time, or delay that dinner which has been promised to you, but I merely want to say this, that the only way we can take up and prosecute the mission of the G. A. R. is to get into the harness and work. W-o-r-k spells the whole thing, and that is why I am Assistant Division Organizer. I have given to the Grand Army of the Republic 42 years of my labors in the way of building up camps of Sons of Veterans and putting them on an efficient footing, and I hope to live 42 years more to do the same thing." [Applause.]

Past Department Commander Albert G. Wolff: "Mr. Commander and Comrades of the G. A. R., I want to assure you that I deem it a signal honor to be present here today to bring greetings to your convention.

"I have great respect and veneration as well as a deep love for you Comrades of the G. A. R. Of course I respect veterans of the Mexican War, I regard highly the men who went to the colors in the days of the Spanish War, I admire the men who fought in the Great World War of a recent date, but, Comrades, there are no veterans of any war for our country like you, — there are no veterans like you because you saved this nation, your battles were fought when this nation was torn with internal dissension, and when it was threatened with disaster and when it might have been destroyed forever.

"I remember seeing that great motion picture of Abraham Lincoln which you probably saw, where it was shown that Lincoln had called for troops; and you may remember that it was said by those of the Confederacy that he might ask for volunteers but the men of the States would not volunteer in sufficient numbers to defend the flag. But Lincoln, nevertheless, issued that call, and the picture showed the great martyr as he was pacing back and forth in the White House wondering whether his call would be answered. And finally in the distance he heard music, and he heard the tramp of marching feet when the first volunteers came down Pennsylvania Avenue, and then he knew from that very moment the city of Washington was safe, that the Capitol was safe, and that the whole nation was safe because his call had been answered.

"And so how can we help having pride in you men? I cannot understand the action of Congress with reference to the Elliott Pension Bill which is now before them.

"You may recall that after the War was over a Grand Review was held, and it is said there was a big banner stretched across the street upon which appeared these words, — 'There is one Debt this Nation can never Repay, and that is the Debt it Owes to the Victorious Union Soldiers.'

"Certainly this nation owes a tremendous debt to the men who fought under Abraham Lincoln and his able generals during those days from 1861 to 1865; and this nation has obligated us to see that they live in some degree of comfort in these days of their old age. The Elliott Pension Bill ought to pass, and all we Sons of Veterans are interested in it. I have written to both U. S. Senators and to every member of the Massachusetts representation in Congress. We are working on it diligently, and if the bill does not pass at this session we intend to continue the fight until the next, when perhaps we may have a better organization and see better results.

"We are glad to be with you today; we appreciate what you were and what you are today. What you did will live as long as the memory of man; for we Sons of Veterans are proud that we are your sons, and we shall always revere your memory. I thank you." [Applause.]

[The departure of the Sons of Veterans delegation was followed by the arrival of that of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary.]

Past Division President Mrs. Emma L. Loomis: "Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I have been in auxiliary work for quite a number of years, but I regard this as the greatest honor that could be bestowed on any one, — the opportunity to visit the Department Encampment of the Massachusetts G. A. R. My father was a Union veteran, and it seems to me when I look into your faces I can see how he would appear and be pleased to attend one of these Encampments, and to know that some of those coming after him were going to continue the work of the Grand Army.

"There is not much I can say. Words are inadequate to express our regard for you. Each and every one of you is dear to our hearts, and I can assure you that the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary will do all in its power to assist the Sons of Union Veterans to carry on your work for years to come.

"Sister Anderson, our Division President, desired me to convey to you her personal greetings and wishes for a most successful Encampment. And, Comrade Comey, I have just a little memento of love and esteem that we hold for the Commander of the Massachusetts Department G. A. R. today. It is only a little token, but hope it will just show how much we love you."

Commander Comey: "I thank you most cordially."

Mrs. Loomis: "And I want to say one word to Comrade Goodwin of my own city of Westfield, Mass. You were just the best Commander there ever was, which is no reflection on Comrade Comey, but you know that one's own is a little bit better than the other fellow's."

Comrade Goodwin: "There are many ladies we may know in our social and patriotic life, but Emma Loomis is from my home town and in all patriotic work she has always been found to be the real person of the occasion. When I was Department Commander she and her secretary were my right and left bowers. You may well envy me, because when you become better acquainted with her you will know a real woman."

Mrs. Emma Warren: "When I was a tiny girl I used to walk with my grandfather in the parade on Memorial Day, and they say I threw my head up high as if I was the whole town of Rutland, Vermont. I always was proud of my grandfather; he was a Grand Army man, and I was closely associated with him as long as he lived; and when I came to the Encampment yesterday and found I was to be on this committee of greetings I hardly knew what to say. I am proud today to come here and wish you Godspeed."

Mrs. Ada Ewell: "Department Commander and members of the G. A. R., like the sister from Westfield, when I was told I was to be on the greetings committee to come to your Encampment, I could not think of anything that ever happened in my life I have been more pleased with. To see you in session in Faneuil Hall! Why, it is a great inspiration to be here and look into your faces — the countenances of the dear old men that mean so much to us.

"I cannot say I am the daughter of a veteran, because I did not get my eligibility that way; I married the Son of a Veteran, but I assure you that no daughter of a veteran has been more loyal to the Grand Army than I, a daughter-in-law, have been. And I assure you, Comrades, that in our own home town our Grand Army men are held in the highest respect and esteem and love; and I am proud to feel that I am eligible to such an order, the members of which trace their ancestors to the men who wore the blue in 1861 to 1865. I hope my health and strength will permit me to do my little bit in the years to come, to assist in perpetuating the memory of those men who have done so much.

"And I want not only to bring my personal greetings but those of every member of our Auxiliary assembled in the Elks Hall. We have about 400, and every one is full of enthusiasm, and I wish every one could come here this morning and see you Grand Army men." [Applause.]

[The Sons of Veterans Auxiliary delegation was followed by a delegation from the Daughters of Veterans.]

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "I desire to present Mrs. Nellie M. Goodman, Past National President of the Daughters Union of Veterans and one of the salt of the earth."

[Mrs. Helen A. Phinney, Department President, Mrs. Ruth Cutliff and Mrs. Harriett McClellan composed the delegation.]

Mrs. Nellie M. Goodman: "Your Commander has asked me to say a word at this time, and it is indeed an honor to say Good Morning to the dear Boys. I am much pleased to be with you today at your 60th convention, for each time I see you I love you a little more than I did the last time.

"Dear Comrades, I have with me this morning our Department President. Never before in our Department has a convention allowed our Department President to leave the deliberations, but she wanted to see you badly, and the convention permitted her to come. She has a long message to deliver, so I will present to your dear Commander these pretty blossoms, and may his years be as bright as the flowers I bring." [Presentation of a bouquet to Commander Comey.]

Mrs. Helen A. Phinney, Department President: "Commander and my good Comrades; as our Past President, Sister Goodman has told you, this is the first time a President of the Daughters of Veterans has been allowed to leave a convention, and I feel it is a great honor to bring to you the greetings of the Massachusetts Department.

"Many times when I have sat in a convention and seen the Greetings Committee to the Grand Army leave the hall there has always been just a little tinge of sadness because I wanted to go with them; but I was never fortunate enough to go until today.

"Now, I am very proud that I could come to you with these greetings, and I don't know of any greater honor that could come to one than to be a Daughter of Union Veterans of the Civil War. My father fought for that flag, also six of my uncles, and I was born on the 4th of July. [Laughter and applause.] As I stand here I see so many Comrades that I know, which makes me want to add my personal greetings and good wishes.

"Now, Commander Comey, I have with me just a tiny package, but it contains the love of every Daughter of a Veteran in our order. It is a little personal gift to you; take it, put it in your pocket, and look at it when alone.

"Comrade Wetherbee, you have always been a good comrade, one we could call upon, and I present this to you. And Comrade Nordell, last but not least, I present this gift to you.

"And I thank you one and all." [Great applause.]

Department Patriotic Instructor Ruth Cutliff: "Comrade Comey and all the Comrades of the Encampment, it is indeed a great pleasure to be here this morning. This is my first appearance at one of your conventions, and, besides, it is my first assignment on a greetings committee of any kind.

"I have looked forward to this pleasure so much for many years, and hoped for your happiness and success. And now I wish to present this little token with the love and best wishes of my associates for your Encampment." [Presents check to the Commander.]

Commander Comey: "It appears that this is a check for \$305.66, and let's give a rising vote of thanks."

[All rose and applauded as this delegation left the Hall.]

Comrade Goodwin: "Patriotism has been defined as being the distinguishing trait of the person who loves his country. The women of our land have been made citizens, and are fulfilling nobly the social and political contingencies of our life, teaching us many things so that we, especially as members of the G. A. R., revere and respect our women. Allow me, sir, to present at this time a delegation from the Woman's Relief Corps of Massachusetts. First, Mrs. Catherine McBride Hoster, National President Woman's Relief Corps of Indianapolis; then Mrs. Bertha W. Walker, Department President Massachusetts Woman's Relief Corps; Mrs. Grace Phipps, Department Inspector; Mrs. Emma Kean, Chairman of Patriotic Aides; Mrs. Eliza Griffin of Watertown, and Mrs. Nelly Manning of Danvers."

Mrs. Hoster: "This is indeed a very great honor, to be privileged to address this Encampment, this organization of men the most wonderful in the world;

and in this historic building. Therefore it is with a great deal of pride I bring to you the greetings of the National Woman's Relief Corps.

"We are your auxiliary, made up of women who delight in working for you because of their love for you, and for what you are today — they honor you. You have been an inspiration for every good deed our organization may have done, and the principles held by you are what we are striving to uphold.

"Today I am not only happy to bring to you the greetings of my national organization, but also to say that the most priceless heritage I possess is that I was born the daughter and the granddaughter of Civil War veterans; and I am doubly happy to have had this privilege to speak to you on this platform, you comrades of my father and grandfather." [Applause.]

Mrs. Walker: "Department Commander and Comrades, this is the first time in my experience that I have had the opportunity of visiting you in your annual convention, and I certainly with great pleasure extend to you the greetings of the Department of Massachusetts Woman's Relief Corps.

"I am glad to stand here and look into your faces; you are not Boys any longer, but many of you look to me as if you were able to attend many more of these Encampments, and I hope and pray that you may.

"I also am proud to tell you that I am the daughter of a veteran, and all these years have had a soldier's blood in my veins, and have been willing to fight for anything relating to the Grand Army of the Republic. We have all been so happy to work with you, not only because we wanted to but because of what you represent and what you have done to uphold the flag, — that flag which has been baptized in blood, consecrated by tears, and hallowed by the hopes of humanity!

"Captain Comey, we have had a wonderful year; we have always been so friendly to each other; you have never found any fault with what we have done or have not done; so I thank you for all the courtesies extended to me, and congratulate you upon your year; and trust in the time to come you will have lots of time to give to this organization, and help Past Commanders as I am going to do for the Past Presidents. And so it gives me great pleasure, in behalf of the Department of Massachusetts Woman's Relief Corps and our corps to present to you this check. And we wish that it might be two or three times as much, and hope that you will spend it for anything that you may deem necessary.

"Again thanking you for what you have done, and expressing my gladness in being with you this morning, and wishing for you all Godspeed, I want to say that I have also a button-hole bouquet for you which is from the Department of Massachusetts Woman's Relief Corps; and if you cannot use it here we know where you can." [Applause.]

Commander Comey: "I tell you, Comrades, that favors are coming our way today. I find here a New England Trust Co. check for the Grand Army Department of Massachusetts for \$450. What shall I do with it?"

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "As you have not given bonds, and as you are liable to escape through our lines, I think you had better turn it over to the Assistant Adjutant-General who takes all the checks when he can get them."

Comrade Lincoln of Post 125: "I move that we give a rising vote of thanks to the Woman's Relief Corps for this handsome gift." [It was so voted.]

Mrs. Grace Phipps of Hopkinton: "Commander and Comrades, it is indeed a pleasure to come here this morning, — my first visit to old Faneuil Hall, my first visit to an Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, and with my Department President to share the honor of bringing to you our greetings, and to Henry Comey whose birthplace was in my own town of Hopkinton. Don't you think it is considerable of an honor to come here and meet him?

"It seems to me like coming home because your new Commander, Comrade Brown, is a neighbor of mine, and I am very fond of him also. So I hope that this year you will have just such a splendid year as any you have had in the past. To Commander Comey I extend in particular the greetings of Corps 138 of Hopkinton, for we have felt an interest in your having this office."

Commander: "We have another lady here who I think is from Danvers, Mrs. Eliza Griffin."

Mrs. Griffin: "I am from Watertown now, but Mrs. Phipps has said that



Sincerely Yours  
Bertha W. Walker



Commander Comey came from her native town. Now, I was born in Capt. Comey's adopted town, and have the great honor to be born in the town of Danvers where his home is now. And I know every member of our Post down in Danvers, and they are so friendly I can call them by their given names, because I have known them ever since I was a little girl and used to run away when the processions went by to see the soldiers marching. And I have sat at my mother's side many times and cut leather as she bound boots for the soldiers of the Civil War.

"And as I think of it nowadays I am happy that I am privileged to look into your faces, because I deem it a great honor. So I not only bring to you, Capt. Comey, my congratulations, but I bring to the newly elected Commander the congratulations of Middlesex County where Comrade Brown belongs." [Applause.]

Mrs. Emma Kean, Patriotic Instructor: "I can assure you all that today I feel that I have been honored beyond expression. When our Department President asked me to come with her to bring the greetings of the Corps I said there was no place, — not even to visit the President of the United States, — I would rather come to. [Applause.]

"I too am the daughter of a soldier; my father belonged to Post No. 13 of Maysville, Kentucky, and if he knew I was here he would be proud also. I want to read you a few verses in honor of the Grand Army:

When you raise your eyes to Old Glory floating so free in the blue,  
Thank God for the dear old soldier who saved that flag for you.  
Whatever his station may be, his place in life's stern plan,  
Whenever, wherever you meet him, lift your hat to the Grand Army man.  
From every station and hamlet, from every city and town,  
To save a tottering Union these men came hurrying down;  
They came when their country needed, and they stopped not to bother or plan,  
So, boys, tip your hat when you meet him, and honor the Grand Army man.  
His home and his fond ambition, and all that to him made life sweet,  
His love, his hope, and mission he laid at his country's feet.  
His steps are going slower, in his face the wrinkles we scan,  
But prize him while we have him, and God bless the Grand Army man."

[Applause.]

Mrs. Manning: "Comrades, I am very happy to be here this morning, and I am glad to endorse all the lovely things that have been said, and may God bless each and every one of you."

Officer of the Day: "Three ladies, — Past Presidents of the Daughters of Veterans, want to be admitted."

[This delegation is presented, consisting of Miss Perkins, Mrs. Libby, Past President, and Mrs. Dietz of Tent No. 1.]

Miss Perkins: "Commander and Comrades in convention here assembled, I have a very pleasant mission to perform this morning. We have raised a small amount of money in our association to be presented to you, and although it is small we hope the Grand Army will accept it with the same feeling we have in giving it. We trust when it comes the time to remember you again it will be six times as much as today; so in behalf of the Presidents' Association of Daughters of Veterans of the Civil War I proffer you this check."

Commander: "It is raining outside, and it seems to be raining money here. Comrades, I have in my hands a check for \$60 given us on behalf of the Presidents' Association, and what shall I do with it?"

Comrade Wetherbee: "I move that I get it, just the same."

Comrade Lincoln: "And I move a rising vote of thanks."

Mrs. Libby: "This is indeed a very pleasant duty, but I want to quote a little verse of poetry:

No queen on her throne can be prouder than I with my sorrows and joys;  
For I am a Veteran's daughter, and my daddy was one of the 'Boys.'"

[Applause.]

Mrs. Dietz: "I am very much pleased to think I was called on to come to this gathering, and I hope that you will have a great many years before you to meet

and have pleasant times; and that next year will be an exceedingly successful one." [Applause.]

Miss Perkins: "The most important thing I wanted to tell the Comrades was that I am the granddaughter of Col. John Farley, who is still with us 83 years of age his last birthday, and we hope he will be with us a great many years more. I feel sure that many Comrades here know him."

[The ladies depart.]

Comrade Howes of Post 8: "We all ought to be joyful, ought we not? Just think what a fire a little matter kindleth! It came a little late, but it is all right just the same.

"And, Commander, I want to renew the motion that I made. Massachusetts has started something this morning in this per capita tax business, and I want to renew the motion that this Encampment instruct its delegates to the National Convention at Des Moines to present if necessary, but at all events to favor everything along the line of abolishing forever the per capita tax — at least, on Comrades who have been mustered out."

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "They cannot do it now because without definite information as to how many Comrades we have in a Department the 1st of July. If you want to put them to work getting out another set of reports in the middle of the year, just for the sake of saving \$3 or \$4, — five cents on perhaps 200 members who have died, and waste your time, why, go ahead."

Comrade Howes: "I did not make this motion retroactive. I did not expect it to apply to years gone by. I think that, in the wisdom of the National Encampment, when it is presented to them, they can evolve something that for the future may eliminate the payment of the per capita tax in Posts, as I have said, on comrades who have been mustered out."

A Comrade: "Is the question before the house on the per capita tax?"

Commander: "There is no question before the meeting now."

Comrade Wetherbee: "I think I can make that plain if you do not understand it now. From this time henceforth the Posts of the Massachusetts Department G. A. R. will not be called upon to pay one single cent of per capita tax. Is that plain?"

Voices: "Yes." "Yes." "Yes."

Past Commander Morrill: "As Chief of Staff I fully appreciate the honor that has been conferred upon me. Mr. Commander, it has been a pleasure to associate with you and the members of the Staff the past year, and, following the custom of my predecessors, and knowing the high esteem in which you are held by the members of the Staff, we make this testimonial of our appreciation of the honor conferred by you upon them. And as you retire from this high office may you for years to come enjoy a high degree of health, honor and happiness."

Commander: "I thank you, and I thank you all for your kindness during the past year. I was not well posted in the duties of the position, and have not a good voice, but you have been patient with me and my failings, and as long as I live I shall be grateful to you."

Comrade Roswell C. Powers of Post 116: "I would like to state to the Encampment that the Worcester County convention will be held on the 16th, and I have been instructed to invite every Comrade, the Commander, Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee and all the rest to come and help us make the Worcester County Convention the best we ever had. There has been a change in the meeting-place, and it will be in Risley Hall."

[The Commander-in-Chief's representative not appearing, the Department Commander requested Past Department Commander Wilfred A. Wetherbee to install the newly elected officers.]

This ceremony concluded, and there being no further business the Encampment adjourned.

After adjournment the comrades repaired to Kinsley Hall to attend the Annual Department Banquet.

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, *Assistant Adjutant-General.*

## UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

The occasion of the annual banquet in Kinsley Hall took on its customary features. At the head table were seated Commander Henry N. Comey, presiding, and at his right Dr. John Gilbert, Past Commander George A. Hosley, William S. Youngman, Esq., State Treasurer, and National Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief Oscar A. Janes of Highland Park, Michigan. On the left were Charles T. Harding, Street Commissioner, representing the Mayor of Boston, Gov. Alvan T. Fuller in person, Capt. Frank L. Nagle of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co., Edwin C. Irelan, Commander-in-Chief [national] Sons of Union Veterans, Richard R. Flynn, Commissioner of State Aid and Pensions, and Commander-elect William E. Brown.

Commander: "Past Commander Ham, will you invoke the divine blessing?"

Comrade Ham: "Our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the love that Thou hast given us for each other. We thank Thee for the fraternity that there is in the Grand Army of the Republic. We thank Thee that our lives have been devoted for the benefit and helpfulness of those that shall come after us.

"Give us grace and wisdom as we stand upon the shores of time to look across to the Happier Land beyond; may we feel a joy in our hearts that we have a possession where sin or sorrow never come.

"And may the remainder of our lives here be a season of joy as long as we are spared. Heavenly Father, bless this food and dedicate all our lives to Thy service, for Jesus' sake, Amen."

Commander Comey: "We are all 'set' now for a good old Camp Fire. The Governor is here; his friends are here, and the Grand Army is here. Perhaps I might introduce myself.

"Sixty-four years ago last May I was offered over here at Camp Andrew in West Roxbury the warrant of a corporal, and I would not take it because I thought I was not competent. The past year I have commanded this magnificent body of men, and why should I not be 'chesty' and proud? I cannot help it.

"You will now listen to Gov. Fuller who will speak to you for the Commonwealth." [All arose and gave rousing cheers and applause.]

Governor Fuller: "Mr. Commander, Mr. National Commander, State Treasurer, the representative of the Mayor of Boston and of various organizations, all of whom you know as intimately as I do — and the present members of the G. A. R. It is a very great privilege that is mine to come here to bring to you the greetings of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

"It is embarrassing to receive your cordial reception this afternoon because it is so little merited, in the first instance, from you. In fact, I know of no one body of men in this country who can quite merit the rising endorsement of this great organization. Let me express it another way. We come here to honor you and express the gratitude of our citizens once and for all for what you have done; and that you may not be confused let me say that from the days of 1861 to '65, when you served under Lincoln and Grant, we have grown to be the mightiest nation of the earth, and I can well understand how it can be said that it was because of what you did in '61 to '65 that that was made possible.

"I have heard the story told that a peasant in darkest Russia was visited by an American citizen there who found on the wall of his hut a picture of Abraham Lincoln. Now, that peasant did not know Lincoln but he knew of the spirit of liberty for which he stood. So I think we have in America a government which is the hope of liberty-loving peoples everywhere.

"My proudest possession and boast is the fact that I am the son of a veteran of the Civil War. [Applause.]

"We have heard it said of the former days before we civilized the Indians that our Pilgrim Fathers came over here and fell upon their knees — and then fell upon the Indians. Before that time there was an Indian chief who tested out the prowess of his braves by giving them a physical endurance test; and the story goes that he called four braves to his tent and said to them, — 'I want you to traverse the plain and up the mountain side, and report to me at sundown.'

"Later in the afternoon the first one came back, and he says: 'I ran across

the plain and up the base of the mountain, and I have brought back this sprig of spruce as evidence of my going.' The second returned and said, — 'I ran across the plain and part of the way up the mountain side, and have brought as evidence this sprig of pine.' Later still a third brave came back and said he had run across the plain and up the mountain, and he brought to his chief as evidence of the height to which he had attained an Alpine flower. Still later, as the sun was sinking in the West, the fourth brave returned, with his moccasins torn and his feet bleeding, and he says: 'I ran across the plain and up the mountain side above the pine and spruce trees, and where no Alpine flowers grow, where there is nothing but snow and ice; but I saw the sea.'

"So I think that you men of the Grand Army of the Republic are men of vision, to whom we must look for inspiration and guidance for the future; and I would we might write in the heavens the record of our gratitude for all you have done, and as an inspiration to on-coming youth for what they should do and dare!" [Great applause.]

Commander Comey: "Yesterday just before we closed the session His Honor the Mayor of Boston called at the old Cradle of Liberty to bid us welcome; and he came in with a bright smile saying: 'As I approached your outpost they told me there was a fight going on, and I said — then this is the place for me.'

"I take it that the Mayor has had some contests thus far in his administration and there will be more to follow. However, we were glad to greet him then and we have his representative here today, Major Charles D. Harding, the new Street Commissioner, who will now address you." [Applause for the speaker.]

Major Harding: "Commander, Your Excellency, and invited guests and Comrades of the Grand Army, I regret exceedingly that that splendid man, the Mayor of Boston, is not here again to greet you. I know he is interested in the G. A. R. because I believe that members of his family are also comrades.

"I like to feel that I too am a part of the Grand Army of the Republic, because, like His Excellency the Governor, I am a member of the Sons of Union Veterans. [Applause.]

"As the representative of the City of Boston I want to say to the comrades of the G. A. R. that they have been an inspiration to the people of America and to the citizens of Boston for half a century. I can recall that the first soldiers I knew were soldiers of the Civil War. I can recall vividly going to the cemetery with my mother on Memorial Day and decorating the grave of my grandfather.

"Those inspirations have come down through the years and have put their stamp on the Spanish War; they have had their effect on the World War, where 4,000,000 volunteered and were a part of it without a disturbance or objection in the whole country. That is one of the inspirations that have been brought down to us and carried along by the veterans of the Civil War and their kindred organizations.

"As representing this city I would say that it is a part of the history of Boston that in the Revolutionary War at Lexington and Concord and Boston was sounded the death knell of monarchical tyranny. And so down to the Civil War it was in Boston that the Abolitionists demanded that slavery be abolished, and that equality be given to all men. And so in response to that — having stirred the fire — when Abraham Lincoln called for volunteers it was a Massachusetts regiment that first answered the call, armed and equipped, and was stoned in Baltimore.

"And so Massachusetts and the Union army contributed on every battlefield to the success and to the end that all men were made free because they were created equal. And so Massachusetts, conspicuous for many years among the other states, gave and enforced equality to the black man, — enforced it because of this organization, the G. A. R., who demanded that the rights they had fought for should be distributed to all.

"Boston owes a great deal to the Grand Army. In the Spanish War, may I remind you, it was the Massachusetts Naval Brigade, armed and equipped, that first responded to the government's call at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. And in the World War, because of the inspiration of your organization, the first complete fighting division that landed on the shores of France, our 26th Division of

the Massachusetts National Guard, started from Boston, and every man in it was a volunteer.

"Two years ago Boston entertained the Comrades of the national G. A. R. and it was glad to do so. You can all recall how the citizenry turned out and gave you a reception that was an honor and was due to you, because of your citizenship, because Boston today stands as the first city in the quality of its education for all, prominent among the cities for the alleviation of suffering of those who cannot take care of themselves; the first city to have the free public school, and to continue it with higher institutions of learning.

"Gentlemen, Boston owes a great deal to you, and will ever be grateful for what you have done, and as the representative of Mayor Nichols I pledge to you, my fellow citizens, a fine administration which has in mind the welfare of all the people and which purposes to carry out the ideals for which you men fought and made it possible for us to possess." [Uproarious applause.]

Commander Comey: "One year ago Dr. Arensberg, who was then our commander-in-chief, sat on this platform, and when we compared notes I found we were in the same battle very early in 1862 in which 'Stonewall' Jackson was defeated. The first man I saw killed belonged to the Hampton Independent Battery. We passed through that battle in a charge on Jackson, and it brought our hearts together to think that we fought together.

"It is true we thought the officers were too far beyond us, but after we had had one or two battles the men's hearts were in unison with the officers, and afterwards ready to respond to their discipline.

"Now, then, we are favored today with an old comrade of the Army of the Potomac. He was in Little Round Top when Gen. Hancock said 'We have got to have five minutes.' And he sent in the 1st Mass. Infantry and Bigelow's 9th Battery, and 82% of that 1st Mass. was taken, and Bigelow's 9th Battery had been there but a few minutes when all the horses were killed. Hancock was asked if he knew the mortality would be so great. 'Yes,' he said. 'If it had taken every man I had, I had to have five minutes.'

"So I feel honored in presenting to you Col. Oscar A. Janes of the 4th Michigan, a celebrated regiment. Perhaps he will tell you that he was brigaded with the equally famous 9th regiment of Boston. I present Col. Janes of Detroit as representing the absent Commander-in-Chief today." [All rise and give the Colonel a rousing reception.]

Col. Oscar A. Janes: "Department Commander, His Excellency the Governor of Massachusetts, the major who represents the Mayor of Boston, and on my right a Spanish War veteran and a World War veteran to whom the people of Massachusetts have entrusted the responsibilities of its State Treasury — all the other distinguished guests and you, Comrades of the G. A. R.

"I talked to you yesterday, and I don't know that I can say anything new to interest you; but, as the Governor said about us old fellows, when we get together there is an inspiration that leads us to 'carry on,' and try to impress upon those we are to leave behind the necessity of carrying on the work we have accomplished in saving this nation from disruption, and in maintaining the influence of the old flag which represented this nation under Washington and his peers during the Revolutionary struggle.

"I told you that I have a very kindly feeling for the great Commonwealth of Massachusetts because there is blood in my veins that flowed from one of Massachusetts yeomanry during the War of the Revolution. My great, great grandfather served from Massachusetts in that struggle for freedom and independence, and that was one of the inspirations that made me act when the flag was fired upon at Sumter, and when troops were called for to defend the Union, — to defend the Union, not to abolish slavery; the Union had been attacked, its property had been seized, and we would have been cowards to submit to an enemy trying to destroy the Union of Washington and those who aided him so successfully in establishing it.

"So I went into the Service and did the best I could, leaving a part of my body in the entrenchments before Petersburg in '64, and that blood which flowed into

my veins was transmitted to my son who of the two years in the World War spent one year in France in the artillery, and returned safe. So you see I came from a sort of fighting family. [Applause.] And I am going to continue to fight for good government and for the rights of the people, for the maintenance of this Union, and for the perpetuity of the nation, until I am called to my comrades on the other Shore.

"And you too — we leave it to the Governor, as he said he was the son of a veteran. We leave it to the Sons of Union Veterans; we leave it to the Spanish War Veterans — to the World War Veterans younger than we are, to perpetuate that government we saved and made one of the principal nations of the world, toward which all the world looks for guidance — and for existence!

"You know it used to be said that when we old relics of the Rebellion get together we tell a great many stories, and those younger listening to us say 'What great liars they are.' And that suggests a story of the colored man who settled in a community after the War, and he told that little community how he 'knew' Lincoln. 'Oh, I knew Lincoln well; I used to black his boots, and used to wait upon him.' The people of that little hamlet felt highly honored because there was a man — even a colored man — who knew Abraham Lincoln. And so one day there was a gentleman there visiting, and they told him about this colored fellow who knew Lincoln, and he said he would like to talk with him, and maybe could get from him some of the stories Abraham Lincoln used to tell.

"So the colored man was brought in and questioned as follows: I understand you knew Abraham Lincoln when he was President of the United States? A. No, sir. Q. Why, they tell me you said you served as his servant that blacked his boots? A. No, sir — no, sir. Q. Why? — how is that? They say you told it all around here? A. Well, sar, — well, sar — I — I — I thought I knew Mr. Lincoln until I got religion, and I don't remember him any mo'.' [Laughter.] I don't know, Governor, as we have got religion yet.

"And so when we hear these Boys telling you their experiences put it down as true, because the half has never been told of the incidents, the sacrifices, the struggles, the homesickness, that were suffered during that great trial for the maintenance of our nation. The Spanish and World War boys — we know something of how they felt; they wanted to get home. We did, too, but were determined not to unless invalidated until the nation was saved; and it was that determination in our hearts and in our minds and in our souls, backed up by the loyal element of the North which had furnished the finances to send the men to fill our ranks, that we carried on and carried on until at Appomattox under that great leader of our forces, the humanitarian general Ulysses S. Grant [applause] who accorded to the enemy what no victorious general ever did before, from the time the sun first shone on the earth — by simply saying, — 'Go home. Take your horses with you to cultivate your lands. Go home and be loyal citizens, and you won't be troubled any further.' Wasn't that an example of a great humanitarian principle?

"And so that has been the way with the survivors of the great Civil War. We simply said to our opponents on the other side, — "We have beaten you and have saved the nation — saved the flag, and its influence will be extended to you, and the opportunity given to rise in the world and in the estimation of all the nations." And those old Confederates said, — 'We thought we were right.' 'Yes, and you all fought well for it; we have nothing to say against that, but we had to hang on until Gen. Lee surrendered, and you must be governed by that.'

"As I have said to you, — it is for the coming generations to deserve what we made such a great sacrifice for. Keep the starry emblem afloat; do not let it ever be supplanted by any other flag. Don't let Bolshevism, communism or radicalism, with the red flag of destruction, ever appear on your streets. Smite it down — and the one who tries to hold it, — send to State's prison or banish in some way.

"Now, I won't take any more of your time. I think this is the ninth speech I have made since yesterday noon under Major Hosley, because he is such a hustler to take one from this place to that, and simply says 'You have got to do it,' and he tired me out last night. However, I went to your dance and witnessed

the very fine appearance of the military event; then to the hotel where I got a good night's rest so that this morning I was keyed up and ready for another night, for tomorrow I have got to go to Concord, New Hampshire, to represent the Commander-in-Chief.

"My only regret is that the Commander-in-Chief is not here to express to you his sincere regard for this great Commonwealth of Massachusetts; but inasmuch as illness prevented his coming, I am awfully glad he detailed me to take his place, because I have enjoyed every minute. [Applause.] I don't know how it has been with you.

"I have been to every national encampment Boston has held all these years, and we have all received a royal welcome from Boston and the Cradle of Liberty; she surely appreciates the men who saved the nation that she shed her blood to establish. I recall the fact that it was right in Boston the first blood was spilled for independence, and in Baltimore the first blood was shed in the 6th Mass. when going to defend that Union; and it is recorded in history what Boston did in the World War, so remarkable that you are entitled to all the credit that may be uttered for their great services. Therefore I say that Massachusetts stands as the most patriotic State in the whole Union. [Applause.] Because of the inspiration that your people received through the labors of those who first established the government it will, I trust, be saved for all time.

"'Carry on' then, Boys, as long as you live! These others 'carry on' and maintain this nation! With not a blur upon its flag, ever the emblem of liberty to all the world, for whoever may come beneath its folds." [Great applause. All rise and accord the Governor a great ovation when he leaves the Hall.]

Commander Comey: "We have at our table a gentleman who would grace any table anywhere, — a gentleman and a soldier, the son of a Union Veteran, a Spanish War and a World War veteran himself; and I take great pleasure in introducing to you our State Treasurer, William S. Youngman, Esq."

William S. Youngman: "Department Commander, Colonel Janes, National Commander Irelan, Commander Nagle, my good old friend Charlie Harding (loyal to every friend that he ever had), and if the whole City Government was made up of men like him we would not worry about it on Beacon Hill but let Boston run herself. And Comrades of the G. A. R. — I want, first, to tell you what a pleasure it is for me to come here today. I was around with some of these gentlemen last night, and I hope to see some of them tonight. Recently recovered from the grippe, my wife thought I was being out too much, and when my secretary told me about a hearing today that ought positively to be held, something about tax appeals, etc., and said 'You cannot attend the hearing and get into your uniform,' I replied, — 'Never mind the hearing; we will cut that out,' because being the son of a veteran who served at Gettysburg I wanted to pay my deceased father's comrades the honor — the fullest honor that I would give to the President of the United States, — to the very last one of you veterans of the Civil War. [Great applause.] I did not bother to put on any medal except the membership badge of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. [Renewed applause.] And I have, in addition to having the pleasure and honor of being elected an honorary member of my father's old Post, Reno Post 64, a great personal debt that I owe to you Veterans — and to all veterans.

"I happen to be the first veteran of any war elected by the voters at large in Massachusetts since the armistice in 1918, and I am one of only three veterans of any war elected in Massachusetts to a State office by the voters at large since the Spanish War, in which I served as a boy.

"And speaking about 'lying,' — every once in awhile I get in a position where somebody says, — 'Why, you are faking about the Spanish War, because you are not old enough to have been in that.' But I was one of the youngest boys Teddy Roosevelt attracted into his regiment, and I sometimes answer in this way: 'Remember, I am a Youngman by name.' [Laughter.]

"Anyway, I got over there, and while the Spanish War was a very short party compared with '61 to '65,' the service in the tropics, the starvation and the 'embalmed beef' and a few other features sent a good many of us home with something we did not have when we went in.

"Indeed, I think this is the real test of the soldier: —when he comes forward and enrolls himself under the articles of war to go wherever his commanding officer leads him, be he private, corporal or whatever he may be, he is a soldier and as such entitled to be recognized and honored throughout the rest of his life; because those of us who know the military game know this, that it is largely a matter of chance whether a man that enlists happens to get to a place where he can show distinguished courage, — it is largely a matter of chance.

"And, by the way, when I was campaigning for the Republican nomination for State Treasurer I had an interesting experience. You know that the statute allows a candidate who has offered his name all over the state — and I know there were many thousand people that never had heard of me — the right to put eight words opposite his name on the primary ballot; and I said in my eight words, — 'Veteran of the Spanish and World Wars.'

"I was the only veteran who was a candidate, and my opponents went up to the Ballot Law Commission and asked them to strike that sentence off, because the law says you can only describe the office held under the government of the state or nation. And as I was only a 'buck private' from start to finish in the Spanish War, never even getting to be a corporal, I could not possibly be said to have held an office under the United States [laughter].

"Well, the Ballot Law Commission had lengthy hearings, and there was some excitement about it. Gen. Edwards of the Y-D Div. came up there and backed up my contention; he said that any man who signs the roll and takes the oath to abide by the articles of war as a soldier of the United States certainly holds an office under the United States, even though he be only a private, — but he is holding a high office that may result in his death or permanent disability.

"The Ballot Law Commission decided that even though I had been only a private in the Spanish War, that I could not be deprived of the right to mention that fact; and confined to just the statement that I was a captain in the World War. Following that, veterans all over the state, and the enthusiastic women who so ably support these veteran organizations, passed the word around and I honestly feel that it was the boosting done by the veterans and their friends that won for me the nomination, — because it was true that I was not very well known.

"Now, there is something further about the Veterans. In my Department I have special charge of all payments to Veterans on account of the State Bonus and the \$10 a month allowance to dependents, etc., and I am fighting all the time for the Veterans and Sons; I am up there, and you can bet your life I will continue to fight for them. I don't propose to 'trim' or 'straddle' any issue involved in the full recognition of the services of the Veterans of all the wars.

[A voice: That is the stuff!] —

"That is from the Commander of my local Post — Washburn No. 92 of Brighton.

"And there is another thing about the Veterans but little appreciated, — the enormous work that they are doing, and the enormous sacrifices they are making at all times after the wars to keep on preaching the doctrine of patriotism, and to hold up these things so that the youth can see and understand. It is not simply the deeds of you men of the G. A. R., but it is the spirit that counts; the marvelous spirit that you have shown, and which you inculcated into the youth of 1898 when they turned out a hundred per cent as volunteers; in fact, there were thousands and tens of thousands of the boys of '98 under your inspiration that wanted to get into the Army and Navy who could not be accepted.

"And again, in the World War, do you know what destroyed the German armies in France? It wasn't the bullets; it was the collapse of their *morale*, and do you know what accomplished that? — It was the response of the young men of America. There wasn't a 'yep' out of the Kaiser for settling that fight, except on his own terms, until America came in. And even then he concluded that the Americans were going to make some bad mistakes, for there were some made by generals in the battle of Bull Run and other places; and he said 'What do the American troops amount to in comparison with my trained soldiers?'

"Well, we went along a little ways, and after they licked him on the Marne and at Chateau Thierry, and put him out at Soisson, until Gen. Ludenberg, speaking of one of the greatest Divisions in the German army, says 'I have not found out

the reason for it yet, but they were annihilated, and I suspect it was done by the American Division of straight shooters.' [Applause.]

"And what was the climax of the thing that broke up the German *morale*? You will recall that we made an improvement over any military system they ever had in the World War — in our selected draft, — taking the boys by selection from age 18 to 21 we sent for our first 4,000,000 men an army of almost 100% youth.

"Now, you men who have bountifully had your lives lengthened so long realize what youth means; — an army for the first time in the World War probably — 100% youth. And what did we do for good measure? Following that in 1918, before any negotiations were opened by the Germans for an armistice, 13,000,000 American men, 45 or under, walked up to these draft boards and enrolled for military service; and when the Kaiser found that out he threw up his hands and engaged his passage for Holland.' [Laughter.]

"Before I close I want to say just one word in behalf of my old Colonel and very good friend whom I represented so many years here as counsel, — Colonel Theodore Roosevelt. [Applause.] I want to tell you in a word or two an inside story about the Colonel. Few people knew that owing to a tropical fever he contracted on the Amazon he hovered at the brink of death for eleven months. A delicate operation saved his life, and as he lay on the operating table he signaled to his sister who was there that he wanted to speak to her. The surgeons hesitated, but the Colonel insisted, and what he whispered to her was this: 'I am glad that it is I who am lying here probably dying and not one of my boys.' He had over across in France at that very time all his sons, because he said, 'If one of the boys goes he will be able to die for his country, and I can only die in bed.'

"Before he died the news came to him that Quentin, his youngest son, had been killed in the air service, but the great dream he had of going Over There and finding a soldier's grave himself was denied him; and so he could only sacrifice his sons, two of them terribly wounded and one killed, and all of them 'carried on,' as Col. Janes has, with a strain of blood which has made our Yankee land so great.

"Now, of all the things said about Roosevelt there is just one I desire to allude to, because it applies so well to you and all the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic. Just a few lines that run like this:

'Great Soul, to all brave souls akin,  
Hero and bearer of the torch of truth,  
Have you not gone to muster in  
Those eager hosts of youth? —  
Flung outward on the battle's tide  
They'll meet in regions far;  
And you, in whom youth never died,  
Shall lead them as a star!'

"And on behalf of the Veterans of the Spanish War and World War Veterans, it is to you men of the Grand Army of the Republic, 'in whom youth never died,' we pledge our trust, — your spirits shall lead us as a star!" [Vociferous applause.] [At this stage three ladies add their presence to the occasion.]

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "Commander, I wish to introduce Mrs. Mary MacNeill, Department President of Auxiliaries of the Spanish War."

Commander Comey: "I greet you in the name of the Department of Massachusetts and thank you for the kindness of your coming."

Mrs. MacNeill: "Mrs. Isaacs, Senior Vice, and Mrs. Whitcomb, Treasurer, are with me, and on behalf of our Department we wish to present to you this little token of the love we hold for each and every one of you, it being the expression of 3,000 women in the Auxiliaries of the Spanish War Veterans."

Commander Comey: "Now, we have a representative from below the Mason-Dixon Line, who has to be in another place and I will present him now, — Edwin C. Irelan, Commander-in-Chief of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, from Baltimore, Md."

Commander Irelan: "Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice, and my father's Comrades, as well as our own parent organization, I am scheduled to speak to another meeting within the next five minutes, and consequently can only bring to you the greetings of between 50,000 and 60,000 members of organizations you brought into existence at Appomattox.

"I want to say to you that my organization through me sends you that heart-beat of loyalty — that degree of devotion for the 600,000 who were willing to give so much to this nation, and to emulate those great principles of brotherhood that you men displayed on the field of battle and on the high seas when fighting under Abraham Lincoln.

"I am sorry I cannot spend more time with you. It is an inspiration to look into your faces, and as I travel from shore to shore in behalf of my organization I shall carry along and back the word, and tell my own city and State of the grand reception you have given me in this greatest commonwealth of any in our great country. It certainly is a contrast to the reception given to the 6th Massachusetts Regiment in Baltimore where I was born. [Laughter and applause.]

"I thank you for the inspiration you give my organization by your loyal support and by your words of encouragement. I feel that when you shall say to us — 'Command of us some definite work, some concrete effort of appreciation for the heritage left us by our fathers,' you will find us as ready to answer your call as you men were able to answer Abraham Lincoln's call. I trust that when that call comes, my order can say to you, — 'Members of the Grand Army of the Republic, we are coming 5,000,000 strong!' " [Applause.]

Commander Comey: "Comrades, there was a time in my experience when we had a Major and four sons members of the Loyal Legion, and we were immensely proud of the fact. Today we have one of those sons here as Commander of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery, — Comrade Nagle."

Capt. Frank L. Nagle: "Mr. Toastmaster, Commander-in-Chief, State Commander and Comrades, this is a very unexpected privilege, but the honor is so great I am not going to apologize at all for not having prepared a speech.

"As commander of the oldest military company in the country, founded in 1638, I bring to you our greetings and love, and I want to add that if there is anything we can do for the G. A. R. while I am commander, just command us, that is all.

"I am going to be brief today because we have a meeting that I have to attend. Some of the previous speakers, and some are Daniel Websters, but they are all privates in the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co. — His Excellency the Mayor and Captain Youngman and Street Commissioner Harding. When we find they can talk we make them privates; but when it is found they cannot talk but can work we make them Commander, and that is why I am Commander. They have nothing on me. [Laughter.]

"I too am the son of a veteran of the Civil War, a son of old General Nagle of the Pennsylvania 9th Army Corps, for I am a Pennsylvania Dutchman by birth and a Yankee by adoption; and when the Colonel spoke of Petersburg it brought something back to me, for it was my father's regiment that dug the mine.

"I was born too late for the Civil War, but my father went to represent us, and through that war we lost a good, kind father. And when the late war broke upon us I was too old to enlist. My good friend Captain Comey got his introduction a little mixed, for I was the man that had the four sons, and I thank God every one went. And they came back with commissions, and it was my privilege to put them in the Loyal Legion the other night, and my privilege to make them members of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co.

"Comrades, anything I can do for the Grand Army I beg of you to command." [Applause.]

Commander Comey: "We have another representative of this Commonwealth whom we always like to hear, so I am going to introduce to you for the next speaker the Commissioner of State Aid and Pensions, Hon. Richard R. Flynn."

Commissioner Flynn: "Commander, Commander-in-Chief, my old friend George Hosley, and all you Comrades. I have been reading the newspapers this morning, and I was very optimistic with reference to your Pension Bill until I read that you

were somewhat discouraged about the progress of pension legislation. But I want to tell you that I do not feel quite as the paper reports; I am very optimistic in the matter of the outcome of your \$72 increase of pension.

"In my work, day in and day out, in the prosecuting of pension claims, whenever you Comrades come to me for advice as to the possibility of getting your pension increased to \$72 a month, it is very difficult for any commissioner or any Comrade to be able to tell you about your physical condition. But I will state, however, that today as your U. S. Pension Commissioner, you have a Spanish War Veteran, whose heart is big, and he has cut out all the red tape that has heretofore made it rather difficult, and sometimes impossible, to prove your pension claims.

"And my suggestion here this afternoon is, — if you are in doubt as to your physical condition, and want to have your pension increased to \$72 a month, you know my name and where my office is located and if you cannot come there write to me, and I will give you the best service I can. I am not discouraged at all. Today, a short time before I left to come here, seven claims came through allowing \$72 a month to Civil War Veterans; and in the past year it has been my good fortune successfully to prosecute 333 claims for Civil War Veterans. So, Comrades, do not go home discouraged. Look upward. There are good times coming. I cannot for a moment think that the Congress of the United States will desert you at this time in your lives.

"Mr. Commander, you have spoken of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and its great achievements. There is one thing it has done that is worth remembering. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, since the Civil War, has paid out \$85,000,000 in state military aid and for the upkeep of Soldiers' Homes. And in addition, cities and towns have given honorable relief — soldiers' relief — \$35,000,000; — a grand total of \$120,000,000 that Massachusetts has contributed not in charity, but as bonus and dues to veterans and dependents of all our wars.

"And I am going to give the representative of the Commander-in-Chief my last annual report, and am sure, after he reads it, he will know better than I can tell him how we feel towards the Grand Army of the Republic.

"But, Comrades, let me say again, — if you are in doubt as to your status under the law, put the matter up to the Pension Department and let them decide. This advice has been followed in many cases with profit. Next to that of my father, mother and wife, I appreciate the love of Comrades of the Civil War. Up to a few years ago your Comrade Wilfred Wetherbee was my Deputy Commissioner; he has retired, but is still a member of my office force, because between Department Headquarters and my office there is a straight line where we both help each other. And Eugene Sanborn I love as I would my own father; and David King and Major Bicknell, my old chief, Geo. Hosley, and all your Department Commanders are my true friends and comrades.

"I think possibly that that friendship has been increased by the fact that they realize that I want to give the best service I can to Comrades of the Civil War and their widows.

"Just one word more: May everything in the direction of good health, success and happiness be yours until we meet again." [Great applause.]

Commander Comey: "We have present with us the Surgeon General, Dr. John Gilbert of Fall River, who always has a pleasant message."

Comrade John Gilbert: "Commander and Comrades, I want to say to you that if any of you feel that you have got to have this \$72 a month added to your pension — make out a proper application, have your disability attested by your family physician, also having some one certify that you need help once in awhile, — not necessarily all the time, but at intervals between times. There are times when you can help yourself, and there are times when you cannot help yourself; and when in that condition make a statement and have some one acquainted with you certify to it, — swear to it before a justice of the peace, and you will get the \$72 extra.

"I am only repeating the statement of Winfield Scott, made at Grand Rapids, Michigan, and all of you who heard that statement will verify what I say. There is no necessity of putting up an application and being sent to another Board for examination.

"Now, you understand that. For I want to say that when a man gets to be 80 years of age it is almost an insult to him to send him to any Board for examination, because we all know he is not able to earn a livelihood at that age.

"I am speaking because I have been on the Pension Board of Examiners for the last fifteen or twenty years, and I am sent here and there to examine people at their homes. I went and examined a man over 90 years of age, and because he could go about the streets, and he could dress himself, and he could attend to himself, as disclosed in his answers, — why, he was turned down. He had to say that he wasn't entitled to the \$72 a month in order to comply with the law.

"That was the law at that time, and it is the law now — to a certain extent. If you go before the Commissioners they have to make up their statement according to the published law; but if you remember, — at that camp fire in Grand Rapids that the Commissioner of Pensions, Winfield Scott, said that they had ruled a different way. I spoke to the Commissioner and to John McElroy personally upon this matter, and they say you might require some one to attend you or assist you in dressing, or to accompany you on the street today or tomorrow; and if that is the case you can make it plain and clear in your statement, and there is no question but that you will get your increase.

"Now, you don't want to say, — I know from what President Coolidge says, etc., but that I know this, — that a Comrade in Taunton was feeling under the weather and felt that he ought to have that \$72 a month. He would not go before the Board of Examiners, but his wife, a very talented and very able lady wrote a letter to Mrs. Coolidge, telling her the condition of her husband; and Mrs. Coolidge wrote her a very handsome letter stating she had handed the matter over to the President. And shortly after that there was sent directly from the President an application blank, and instructions telling how to make out that application, — as good as to say, — You make this application and you will get your money.

"Now, Comrades, I want to tell you that there is no necessity of going before the Board of Examiners, as you can send there, and if you will make out a clear and plain statement, I have no question at all you will get your money.

"We had but a very few men at our Post in Fall River who are obtaining this increase of pension, but after I came back from that Grand Rapids Encampment I made this statement and called their attention to the public statement of Winfield Scott in the National Tribune, and it was there, word for word, what he said, and the first I knew one of our Comrades had an application made out for him, and he had it sworn to, and immediately, almost, he received the answer that his request had been granted. He never went before any Board; and as the result of his getting it another man, married only a short time, probably two years ago, made a statement, and he got it. They told another one who was very deaf and feels that he cannot attend the meetings; but he never thought of making application for the increase. Well, they told him, and he made application, and in less than two weeks he received a letter from Washington that the pension had been granted. So I am able to mention a number of cases of the same sort, and out of the 30 members we have there are now 20 getting \$72 a month. [Applause.]

"You may take it for granted if you make the experiment (if it is an experiment) that you will find Winfield Scott will live up to his word. He said at Grand Rapids, — you men are too proud to say that you want the \$72 a month; too proud to make a statement of your condition. Now don't be too proud to take advantage of this, so long as it has not passed the national House of Representatives and the Senate, and has not been signed by the President. Do as President Coolidge did with the Taunton comrade, — get an application — make it out properly, and there is no question you will get it.

"We don't have men now coming from Civil War Veterans for examinations; they are principally Spanish War men, or the Philippines or the Boxer Rebellion — or from the regular service. We used to have Civil War Veterans coming, but we don't have them now; it is not necessary. So I want you to take this to heart and think it over. It is nothing to me whether you do or not, but it is for your interest. But let's not go around with a grouch, saying that President Coolidge has no sympathy for the G. A. R. The first Harding veto saved the Coolidge veto,

because I believe it was smothered up with a lot of stuff that didn't belong to it; but this G. A. R. pension bill is the one we should stick to. There is enough money now. I don't know the number obtaining the \$72 a month."

Senior Vice-Commander Janes: "46,000 out of 114,000."

Dr. Gilbert: "If that is the case why don't you or I get it? Think of it. You can get it the same as they got it. And while it has not passed the House, and not gone before the President, if we can get it while alive it is our duty, for ourselves, our wives and children, to make ourselves more comfortable for the rest of our days.

"Now, I hope everybody will, therefore, take an interest in the matter, file your applications, have them sworn to that you need assistance, get the family physician to make a sworn statement of your condition, and there is no question you will get a favorable answer." [Applause.]

Commander Comey: "The Commander-in-Chief's representative has a word to say."

Senior Vice-Commander Janes: "I cannot add anything to what the Surgeon General has said in regard to the position of the Commissioner of Pensions on the \$72 a month.

"The last report from the Commissioner was that there are 114,668 Civil War soldiers on the pension list. The G. A. R. bill asked for \$72 with no discrimination. Many of you can get that \$72; more than Dr. Gilbert has said, because the present Commissioner of Pensions is inclined to be very liberal in his construction of that law. And I have assisted many to get it. But we want the general pension law amended in accordance with the wishes of the Grand Army, and why? — Well, it may give you \$72 a month if you are in a position to get it, but where are our widows left on \$30 a month? — That law doesn't apply to any widows, and according to the report of the Commissioner there are 220,000 widows drawing \$25 a month, and God knows they cannot live on that. We want the pension increased, and the pension bill passed, not only to take care of the survivors of the Civil War but their widows now left in destitute circumstances."

Commander Comey: "I will now introduce my successor, Commander-elect William F. Brown, and ask you to give to him the loyal support you have given me."

Commander-elect Brown: "Commander and Comrades of the Massachusetts Department, I thank you for what you have done for me; and you are to remember it has been said that a Comrade is just as old as he feels, so I want every one of you on meeting a comrade to tell him he is a young man and should get out not only to the Post meetings but to our quarterly meetings of the county associations, and to have something ready and be active on every occasion. You are just as young as you feel, so feel young." [Applause.]

Past Commander Geo. Hosley: "Commander and Comrades, I didn't intend to say anything here this afternoon. You have listened to enough from the excellent speakers who have preceded me; consequently I have nothing new to offer — except this:

"It did look a little as if the old G. A. R. comrade was being made a 'goat' of out there at Washington. Possibly under conditions existing there and from the economical standpoint there may be a drawing in as to putting out the money to increase our pensions. But, again, as I look on the matter, it seems as if the point of economy was made wholly as against the veterans of the Civil War, because there have been things which to me did not look like points of economy, especially when Congressmen raised their salaries from \$7,500 to \$10,000. That looks as if they were perfectly willing to vote for their own salaries — when we only asked for \$22.

"Then another point made and proved by the Administration and by the Secretary of War was the purchase of the Cape Cod Canal. Just because Perry Belmont of New York has got \$12,000,000 sunk in it, and it is not a paying proposition, — it is very nice if you went into business and made a failure of it, and invested your money in the wrong stock — it would be mighty nice to have the United States Government make it good to you. But I don't think it ever would. There is a matter of \$20,000,000 invested.

"Then there is the matter of the Memorial Bridge thrown across the Potomac in memory of you boys. That doesn't fill your stomachs. The Comrades of Massachusetts don't suffer so much, but any quantity out through the West don't get State Aid. I am in a position to know how they are situated, by writing to thousands of them on account of being on the Staff, asking contributions for the Memorial.

"One old fellow down in Kansas sent \$2. He said he did want to go to Grand Rapids to meet Commander-in-Chief Arensberg, because he was in the same Company with him, and he hadn't seen him since the Civil War; but that his wife was an invalid and he had to live on \$50 and could not go. I sent him back his \$2 in a registered letter, and told him he would better put that \$2 on himself.

"So I am getting letters like that from all over the country. Some of the wealthy ones can afford to send in a ten dollar bill; but most of them forward small contributions and say they would like to attend the National Encampment, but cannot afford to do it, as they may be laid up with rheumatism, or the dear wife is sick, or she has just been buried, and he cannot make the trip on \$50 a month. Then the Government goes to work and expends another million dollars in building armored chasers and trying to enforce the Volstead Act (and not making a success of it) and it is money wasted; while just one more increase to the Veterans would perhaps take five or six millions, and be ever decreasing on account of the increasing mortality among the Old Boys." [Applause.]

[On motion the 60th Encampment adjourned.]

## GENERAL ORDERS.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, STATE HOUSE.  
BOSTON, April 14, 1925.

### GENERAL ORDERS } No. 1.

I. Having been elected Commander of the Department of Massachusetts Grand Army of the Republic, I hereby assume command.

II. The following officers were elected:

*Commander*—WILLIAM L. GAGE, Post 87, South Braintree.

*Senior Vice-Commander*—HENRY N. COMEY, Post 90, Danvers.

*Junior Vice-Commander*—WILLIAM F. BROWN, Post 163, Framingham.

*Medical Director*—WALTER B. WHITING, M.D., Post 191, Boston.

*Chaplain*—Rev. GEO. W. NEAD, Post 169, Norwood.

### Council of Administration.

DAVID KING, Post 15, Boston.

D. W. HAMMOND, Post 47, Haverhill.

J. W. POLAND, Post 12, Wakefield.

JAMES H. WEBB, Post 88, Quincy.

WILLIAM B. WEBBER, Post 143, Brookline.

### III. Appointed Officers:

*Assistant Adjutant-General*, WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, Post 62, Newton.

*Assistant Quartermaster-General*, EUGENE D. SANBORN, Post 15, Boston.

*Judge Advocate*, HERBERT C. JOYNER, Post 196, Great Barrington.

*Inspector*, JOSHUA S. GRAY, Post 74, Rockland.

*Chief Mustering Officer*, A. OTIS CHAMBERLAIN, Post 30, Cambridge.

*Patriotic Instructor*, EDWARD O. PIERSON, Post 87, South Braintree.

*Chief of Staff*, EDWIN F. MORRILL, Post 156, Everett.

### IV. Office Hours. 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Saturdays, 9 to 12 A.M.

V. *Aide-de-Camps*. Post Commanders are requested to send AT ONCE to these headquarters names and addresses of Comrades to serve as Aides on the staff of the Department Commander.

VI. **Requisitions.** All requisitions for supplies must be accompanied by check, money order or cash to pay for the same.

VII. All checks, money orders, etc., must be made payable to Wilfred A. Wetherbee, Assistant Adjutant-General.

Quartermasters will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

VIII. The Department Commander, will be at Headquarters Tuesdays from 11 to 12 A.M.

IX. All official correspondence and invitations should be addressed to Wilfred A. Wetherbee, State House, Room 27, Boston.

X. The following Representatives and Alternates for the next National Encampment were elected at the Department Encampment:

*Delegate-at-Large*

William J. Hargraves, Post 127

| <i>Representatives</i>        | <i>Post</i> | <i>Alternates</i>             | <i>Post</i> |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| DISTRICT No. 1                |             |                               |             |
| John Gilbert . . . . .        | 46          | John H. Lawrence . . . . .    | 1           |
| DISTRICT No. 2                |             |                               |             |
| Alvin C. Howes . . . . .      | 8           | Shepard M. Eaton . . . . .    | 78          |
| DISTRICT No. 3                |             |                               |             |
| J. E. Bronson . . . . .       | 144         | William B. Webber . . . . .   | 143         |
| DISTRICT No. 4                |             |                               |             |
| Geo. L. Hill . . . . .        | 2           | Wm. A. Copeland . . . . .     | 26          |
| James F. Flynn . . . . .      | 26          | Phineas P. Pettis . . . . .   | 11          |
| DISTRICT No. 5                |             |                               |             |
| Eugene M. Libby . . . . .     | 5           | William E. Carlton . . . . .  | 49          |
| Eli Hunt . . . . .            | 82          | O. J. Randlett . . . . .      | 146         |
| W. H. Morgan . . . . .        | 89          | E. E. Larrabee . . . . .      | 5           |
| DISTRICT No. 6                |             |                               |             |
| John Flood . . . . .          | 62          | A. Otis Chamberlin . . . . .  | 30          |
| Francis J. O'Reilly . . . . . | 56          | Charles G. Stone . . . . .    | 139         |
| George M. Houghton . . . . .  | 139         | Thomas Smith . . . . .        | 139         |
| DISTRICT No. 7                |             |                               |             |
| Edwin J. Foster . . . . .     | 10          | Charles E. Morey . . . . .    | 10          |
| John W. Fairbanks . . . . .   | 80          | Charles S. Houghton . . . . . | 53          |
| George W. Corey . . . . .     | 168         | A. A. Buxton . . . . .        | 19          |
| DISTRICT No. 8                |             |                               |             |
| Henry H. Hoisington . . . . . | 16          | B. R. Franklin . . . . .      | 16          |
| DISTRICT No. 9                |             |                               |             |
| John R. Sears . . . . .       | 174         | James R. Hamilton . . . . .   | 171         |

The Department Commander assumes office fully realizing the responsibilities of the office and will endeavor to as much as possible keep in touch with Posts of the Department. This can be done more generally if comrades will make an effort to attend the meetings of the several county associations. We all must realize that age is creeping on apace and while the heart is willing the body is

not strong. The comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic have lived rather strenuous though pleasant lives and enjoyed the camp-fires and social gatherings and now as ever approach the setting sun. Let us live on in the memory of those times and not overtax the waning strength. We have lived goodly lives, been good citizens and held at all times the respect of the public and as we pass out we will leave a record not to be criticised and second to no body of men ever assembled together.

By command of

WILLIAM L. GAGE,  
*Department Commander.*

W. A. WETHERBEE,  
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

The following-named were elected to the positions stated at the Annual Encampments of the several organizations.

#### WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

Department President, Bertha W. Walker, Whitman.  
Department Secretary, Mary E. Elliot, Somerville.

#### LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Department President, Eva J. Phillips, Dorchester.  
Department Secretary, Elvira F. Veasey, Dorchester.

#### DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS

Department President, Helen A. Phinney, Roxbury.  
Department Secretary, Anna F. Nagle, Allston.

#### SONS OF VETERANS

Division Commander, Henry J. Weiler, Melrose.  
Division Secretary, William L. Anderson, West Roxbury.

#### SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY

Division President, Margaret F. Anderson, West Roxbury.  
Division Secretary, Mabel Caldwell, Norwood.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, STATE HOUSE,  
BOSTON, April 14, 1925.

#### GENERAL ORDERS } No. 2. }

I. In accordance with the rules and regulations and in compliance with General Orders No. 4 from National Headquarters, Saturday, May 30 will be observed by the Posts of this Department and by patriotic citizens generally as Memorial Day.

II. Fifty-seven years ago, in May 1868, Commander-in-Chief John A. Logan issued his General Orders No. 11, which firmly established a practice honored in all the intervening years, with a constantly increasing observance. Let Massachusetts prove to all mankind that within her borders, our hearts have not grown cold in the solemn trust and that her children will keep it as long as life lasts.

III. The usual service of Memorial Sabbath should be held on Sunday, May 24. Comrades are urged to attend these services and to extend an invitation to our allied organizations and also to the United Spanish-War Veterans and the American Legion to accompany them.

IV. Posts should arrange for services in the schools at the last session before Memorial Day.

V. Post Commanders will see that Commander-in-Chief Logan's General Orders No. 11 and Lincoln's address at Gettysburg are made a part of Memorial Day exercises.

VI. Flags should be placed at half-mast on the morning of May 30 and so remain until 12 M. when they should be hoisted to the masthead.

VII. Post Chaplains must forward promptly to Chaplain George W. Nead, Norwood, Mass., a full report of the exercises of Memorial Day in which their Posts take part.

By command of

WILLIAM L. GAGE,  
*Department Commander.*

W. A. WETHERBEE,  
*Assistant-Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, STATE HOUSE,  
BOSTON, May 25, 1925.

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 3.

I. Our Department Commander, William L. Gage, was summoned before Our Great Commander, Tuesday, May 12, 1925. Comrade Gage was born in Braintree and has always lived there. He was in his eightieth year. He served during the Civil War as a member of Co. I 42nd Mass. Infantry. He joined Post 87 of South Braintree and served twenty-five years as its commander, holding that office at the time of his death. He was elected Department Commander April 7th of the present year and passed away May 12th, having held the office just five weeks.

Comrade Gage was an exemplary citizen, a loyal friend and a true comrade. We shall meet but we shall miss him.

II. Having, in accordance with Section 2, Article VI, Chapter IV, Rules and Regulations, been installed Commander of the Department of Massachusetts, G. A. R., for the unexpired term of the late Commander William L. Gage, I hereby assume command.

III. By virtue of the same authority, Junior Vice-Commander William F. Brown becomes Senior Vice-Commander.

IV. A special meeting of the Department Council of Administration, duly called, was held on Tuesday, May 19, and by its unanimous vote Comrade Henry A. Monk, Post 87, South Braintree, was elected Junior Vice-Commander to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of Comrade W. F. Brown to the office of Senior Vice-Commander.

V. All appointed officers will retain their present positions and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

VI. The National Encampment will be held at Grand Rapids, Michigan during the week of August 30 and Sept. 5. Department Headquarters will be at Hotel Pantlind. Comrades wishing hotel accommodations should confer with Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee AT AN EARLY DATE.

Those wishing rooms in private residences or rooming houses should write to Mr. Henry L. Adzit, Adzit Printers' Supply Co., Grand Rapids.

Railroad rates, one fare for the round Trip.

Comrade Wetherbee is arranging for a three days stop over in Washington on the return trip. Full particulars in later orders.

VII. Notices of the Per Capita Tax due June 30, will be sent out soon. Post Quartermasters are requested to see that amounts are forwarded promptly.

VIII. The Department Commander will be at Headquarters, Tuesdays of each week from 11 to 12 A.M.

IX. Post Commanders are urged to send in the name and address of a comrade willing to serve as Aide-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander at once.

Per Order,

HENRY N. COMEY,  
*Department Commander.*

W. A. WETHERBEE,  
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

FOUND — A Minute Man's badge. The owner can obtain the same by applying to F. McAuliffe, 40 Portland St., Boston.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, STATE HOUSE,  
BOSTON, June 25, 1925.

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 4. }

**National Encampment.** The fifty-ninth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, during the week of August 30 to September 5.

The official Department Train will leave the South Station, Boston, Saturday, Aug. 29, at 11.05 A.M., Railroad Standard Time, via B. & A., N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. (Hell Gate route) and Pennsylvania lines, arriving at Grand Rapids Sunday at 4 P.M. Train leaves Framingham at 11.44, Worcester 12.20, Springfield 1.33.

Tickets for the round trip from Boston to Grand Rapids and return, \$37.99, from Framingham, \$37.35, Worcester \$36.52, Springfield \$34.57. Sleeping car lower berths \$9.00, upper \$7.20, drawing room \$31.50.

On the return trip a three days stop will be made at Washington, D.C. with side trip to Annapolis, visiting the Naval Academy; a tour seeing interior of public buildings and a sight-seeing trip in Washington. Itineraries of the trip are sent with this order.

**Who may go.** The special official train will be for the accommodation of the Department Officers and members of the Grand Army and of its allied organizations and their families.

**Identification Certificates.** Tickets cannot be purchased except on presentation of Identification certificates issued by the Railway Association and which can be obtained from the Assistant Adjutant General, Room 27, State House, Boston.

Department Headquarters in Boston will be closed from August 28 to September 14.

Department Headquarters in Grand Rapids will be in room 127 Hotel Pantlind.

**Meeting of Aides.** There will be a meeting of the Aides present, in Headquarters, Tuesday, Sept. 1 at 4 o'clock. Aides will appear in Grand Army uniform: slouch hat with gilt cord and white gloves, no belts.

**Delegates.** There will be a meeting of those entitled to seats in the National Encampment, in the Massachusetts Headquarters, Room 127, Tuesday, September 1, at 5 o'clock. Credentials will be distributed at this meeting. Important business will be brought before the meeting.

**Delegates who cannot attend.** Elected delegates who find they cannot attend the Encampment should notify the Assistant Adjutant-General *at once*, in order that the vacancies may be filled.

It is the wish of the Department Commander that comrades remove all decorations from their coats *during the parade*, excepting the official G. A. R. badge. He asks the comrades to comply with this wish.

The following-named Comrades are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

|                     | Post              |                    | Post             |
|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Henri Batchelder    | 156 Everett       | Rufus I. Jones     | 110 Randolph     |
| George A. Blunt     | 10 Worcester      | J. E. May          | 169 Norwood      |
| Cecil B. Bartlett   | 41 Westfield      | Albert McCauslin   | 19 Fitchburg     |
| William H. Cate     | 156 Everett       | Frank W. Mead      | 15 Boston        |
| Benj. W. R. Chase   | 82 Marblehead     | Charles F. Neill   | 5 Lynn           |
| Stanley B. Dearborn | 12 Wakefield      | George A. Parsons  | 156 Everett      |
| James H. Dervin     | 5 Lynn            | H. W. Sawyer       | 19 Fitchburg     |
| Geo. E. Dow         | 5 Lynn            | Thos. W. Shapleigh | 62 Newton H'l'ds |
| Wm. H. Eldridge     | 15 Boston         | James F. Smith     | 15 Boston        |
| W. F. Ellsbree      | 66 Medford        | Philip Smith       | 5 Lynn           |
| George A. Gay       | 195 Nashua, N. H. | Frederick Collins  | 90 Danvers       |
| Charles R. Huntley  | 10 Worcester      | Alonzo A. Rackliff | 90 Danvers       |

|                  | Post           |                  | Post         |
|------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|
| Elbridge Small   | 90 Danvers     | W. H. Hildreth   | 50 Peabody   |
| George M. Harris | 40 Malden      | Charles A. Miles | 72 Stoughton |
| Orlando F. Hatch | 49 Newburyport |                  |              |

HENRY N. COMEY,  
*Department Commander.*

W. A. WETHERBEE,  
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, STATE HOUSE,  
BOSTON, Aug. 15, 1925.

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 5.

**The Annual Election** of Post Officers and of Representatives and Alternates to the next Department Encampment, must be held at the first stated meeting in October.

The ratio of Representatives in the Encampment is as follows: one Representative and one Alternate for every twenty members in good standing Oct. 1, 1925, with one additional Representative and Alternate for the fraction of more than one half that number; but every Post is entitled to at least one Representative and one Alternate.

As Post Commander and Senior and Junior Vice Commanders are by virtue of their office, members of the Encampment, they should not be elected as representatives.

Credential Blanks and Quartermaster's Bond are enclosed herein and the former should be filled out properly, INCLUDING THE NAMES OF THE LIVING PAST POST COMMANDERS and should be mailed IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ELECTION of officers to these Headquarters.

The OBITUARY and ANNUAL REPORT BLANKS will not be made out till Dec. 31, as usual.

**The Installations** shall take place at the FIRST MEETING in NOVEMBER. Names of Installing Officers must be sent to these Headquarters on or before October 15 in order that they may be given in General Orders to be issued October 20.

The following-named Comrades are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

William B. Aldrich, Post 145, Attleboro.  
Alfred A. Lee, Post 79, North Adams.  
G. J. Montgomery, Post 79, North Adams.  
Charles H. Dugan, Post 30, Cambridge.  
Jeremiah N. Kellogg, Post 30, Cambridge.

HENRY N. COMEY,  
*Department Commander.*

W. A. WETHERBEE,  
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, STATE HOUSE,  
BOSTON, October 20, 1925.

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 6.

I. On recommendation of A. Otis Chamberlain, Chief Mustering Officer, the following-named comrades are hereby detailed to install officers of the Posts indicated.

William F. Brown, Senior Vice-Commander, Posts 120, 139.  
 Henry A. Monk, Junior Vice-Commander, Post 72.  
 Wilfred A. Wetherbee, Asst. Adjt.-General, Posts 23, 39, 62, 63, 68, 75, 87, 92, 94, 102.  
 George W. Wilder, Past Dept. Commander, Post 5, 66.  
 Edwin F. Morrill, Past Dept. Commander, Posts 1, 40.  
 Henry Clark, Past Dept. Commander, Posts 5, 66.  
 Bela Alden, Post 74.  
 Nathaniel S. Barry, Post 144.  
 Frank H. Bell, Posts 7, 15, 26, 134, 143.  
 B. L. Brooks, Post 19.  
 Rupert J. Chute, Posts 157, 169.  
 George W. Corey, Post 173.  
 Genery T. Darling, Posts 70, 77.  
 Obed H. Ellis, Post 73.  
 John W. Fairbanks, Posts 43, 80.  
 John Flood, Post 81.  
 George A. Gay, Post 195.

Albert I. Gilman, Post 185.  
 Charles V. Goddard, Posts 17, 123.  
 D. F. Hamilton, Post 174.  
 William J. Hargraves, Post 191.  
 L. E. Heath, Posts 22, 130.  
 Henry N. Hopkins, Posts 3, 46, 170.  
 William F. Hunt, Post 125.  
 Rufus J. Jones, Post 110.  
 Raymond Kennedy, Post 9.  
 Henry W. Mason, Post 190.  
 Quincy A. Merritt, Post 78.  
 James S. Mitchell, Post 88.  
 William H. Morgan, Posts 2, 34, 45, 47, 50, 82, 106.  
 Albert A. Nickerson, Post 89.  
 Walter S. Parker, Post 12.  
 Charles H. Poole, Post 112.  
 George R. Russell, Post 6.  
 John Scates, Post 31.  
 Walter H. Smith, Post 8.  
 Leonard Thayer, Post 61.  
 Samuel J. Wade, Posts 13, 52.  
 Elias B. Wakefield, Post 27.  
 Henry Whittemore, Post 29.

II. Installation service shall be held at the first stated meeting in November, or they may be held publicly at a special meeting held for that purpose, at which no part of the opening or closing service shall be used.

POST COMMANDERS SHOULD AT ONCE COMMUNICATE WITH THEIR INSTALLING OFFICER, giving time and place of meeting.

In the absence of the Mustering Officer any National or Department Officer can act in any Post or the Senior Past Post Commander can act in his own Post. *Expenses of mustering officers must be paid by the Posts.*

With this order is transmitted a blank report of installing officer. Adjutants should have this report filled out and hand it to the installing officer.

Also National General Orders No. 6 and 2.

No. 6 is very important and should be carefully read, as it relates to actions of Post.

The Annual Reports will not be due until December. Blanks for this report will be forwarded in due time.

Post Commanders must see that the Credential Report is forwarded to these Headquarters immediately.

HENRY N. COMEY,  
*Department Commander.*

W. A. WETHERBEE,  
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

Please read this carefully and act accordingly.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, STATE HOUSE,  
 BOSTON, November 25, 1925.

GENERAL ORDERS }  
 No. 7.

I. In accordance with the Rules and Regulations the Annual Reports on Forms A and B, together with the *per capita tax*, are due on December 31. Blanks for the same are herein enclosed and must be filled out immediately after the last meeting in December. Post Commanders should see that this be done promptly, and that the *per capita tax* of fifteen cents on each member in good standing at the last meeting in December, 1925, together with the above-named reports be sent to the Assistant Adjutant-General not later than Jan. 5, 1926.

Quartermasters and Adjutants should compare their list of members, and see that the amount of the per capita tax is correct.

II. Obituary Blanks are also enclosed. These should be filled out, giving the name, rank, company and regiment of all comrades who have passed into the Great Camping Ground during the year, and forwarded to Department Headquarters at once.

The following form should be used. Write plainly.

| NAME.            | Date of Death. | Rank.   | Co.  | Regiment or Ship.       | Place of Birth. |
|------------------|----------------|---------|------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| John W. Smith    | Nov. 11, 1924  | Private | B    | 42nd Mass. Infantry     | Spencer, Mass.  |
| Henry H. White   | Feb. 17, 1924  | Sergt.  | C    | 1st Mass. Cavalry       | Boston, Mass.   |
| Charles T. Brown | Mch. 6, 1924   | Corp.   | -    | 1st Mass. Battery       | Brighton.       |
| Wm. H. Black     | April 5, 1924  | Seaman  | Navy | U.S.S. Roanoke and Ohio | Lynn            |

III. Many of the Posts have not sent in their Credential Reports up to the present time. They should be forwarded at once. Adjutants will please take notice. It is the desire of the Department that the small posts will "stick to the ship" to the last man. But to do this, Post Officers must show interest enough to forward their reports and per capita to Headquarters promptly.

Post Commanders desiring to recommend a Comrade as aide on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief and the Department Commander must send the names and address to the Assistant Adjutant-General on or before Jan. 1, 1926.

From the daily papers we have learned of the death of Past Department Commander Daniel E. Denny who died at his home in Florida November 17. No further particulars have been received.

#### ADDRESS WANTED

of any one who knows the whereabouts of James Whitney, late of 9th Mass., Battery, or any of his family, by, WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, Assistant Adjutant-General.

HENRY N. COMEY,  
*Department Commander.*

W. A. WETHERBEE,  
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, STATE HOUSE,  
BOSTON, Feb. 26, 1926.

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 8. }

I. The Sixtieth Annual Encampment of the Department of Massachusetts Grand Army of the Republic, will be held in Faneuil Hall, Boston, Tuesday, April 6, 1926, at 10 A.M.

II. James A. Perkins Post 156, Everett, having tendered its services for guard duty at the Encampment, Commander Edwin F. Morrill will detail one comrade for Officer of the Day, one for Officer of the Guard and six comrades as Guards. They will report in full uniform, without arms, to the Assistant Adjutant-General at Faneuil Hall, at 9 o'clock A.M., Tuesday morning, April 6.

III. Department Headquarters will be closed during the sessions of the Encampment. They will open at 9 o'clock Thursday morning, April 8, when all comrades will be cordially welcomed.

#### IV. Railroad Fares. Important!!

- The railroads have agreed to make a reduction of fares from all points where the regular fare is 67 cents or more.
- From those stations a price of one-and-one-half fare will be given for the round trip to Boston and return.
- Parties desiring to take advantage of this reduction must apply to the station some days in advance in order that the agent may have certificate necessary to procure a homeward-bound ticket for half fare.

- (d) Immediately on arrival to the Encampment, present your certificate to Assistant Adjt.-Gen. Wetherbee for endorsement.
- (e) A special railroad agent will be present on April 6 and 7 from 8.30 A.M. to 1.30 P.M. to validate the certificate for the return ticket. Validation will be made on those dates and hours only.
- (f) After validation you will be entitled up to and including April 11th to present your certificate to the ticket agent and purchase a return ticket via the same route as the going trip, at one-half the regular fare to the point at which your certificate was issued.
- (g) Refund of fares will not be made on account of failure to obtain certificate on the dates mentioned, or for any reason not in accordance with the prescribed conditions under which the arrangement is made. This reduction will be given to members only, of the Grand Army, and its allied organizations.

V. The Annual Banquet will take place at the close of the Encampment in Kinsley Hall, Ford Building, about 1.30 April 7. Tickets \$1.50 each, and can be obtained of the Asst. Adjutant General. Good Speakers will be present. Don't miss it.

VI. Under separate cover are forwarded to the Post Commander, the CREDENTIALS of the members entitled to seats in the Encampment. They will see that they are promptly placed in the hands of those for whom they are intended, together with the admonition that they do not forget to take them with them when they leave home. They are necessary to obtain admittance into the Encampment.

VII. The following-named comrades are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander; they will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Geo. S. Jones, Post 93, Shelburne Falls.

George H. Averill, Post 36, Arlington.

Henry H. Bennett, Post 8, Middleborough.

John E. Bronson, Post 144, Dedham.

J. W. Bride, Post 19, Ashburnham.

Charles B. Burt, Post 16, Springfield.

Benj. M. Campbell, Post 2, So. Boston.

John C. Chase, Post 3, Taunton.

Asa Child, Post 4, Melrose.

James P. Clare, Post 9, West Acton.

W. A. Copeland, Post 26, Roxbury.

Samuel P. Cutter, Post 35, Chelsea.

Samuel E. Clark, Post 29, Waltham.

Genery T. Darling, Post 10, Worcester.

David Dunbar, Post 58, E. Weymouth.

A. W. Fulton, Post 79, No. Adams.

Robert E. Gibson, Post 37, Spencer.

Alfred A. Lee, Post 79, No. Adams.

Geo. H. Merrill, Post 15, Boston.

James Morgan, Post 39, Lawrence.

J. B. McDonough, Post 7, Boston.

E. A. Newton, Post 14, Hopkinton.

Nahum F. Nickelson, Post 1, New Bedford.

Phineas Pettis, Post 11, Charlestown.

O. J. Putnam, Post 53, Leominster.

Horace Plummer, Post 102, Milton.

J. Hiram Pearson, Post 23, East Boston.

O. J. Randlett, Post 146, Lawrence.

John L. Robinson, Post 63, Natick.

Lewis H. Scott, Post 10, Worcester.

B. F. Willey, Post 6, Holliston.

Thos. F. Whiting, Post 89, Beverly.

George S. Whitney, Post 22, Milford.

Aides on the staff of the Department Commander will report in the Armory of The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co., Tuesday at 9.30 A.M. White gloves, no belts.

VIII. The next National Encampment will be held in Des Moines, Iowa, during week of September 20. Details later.

Per Order

HENRY N. COMEY,  
Department Commander.

W. A. WETHERBEE,  
Assistant Adjutant-General.

**SPECIAL ORDER.**

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, STATE HOUSE,  
BOSTON, May 13, 1925.

SPECIAL ORDER }  
No. 1.

COMRADES:— It becomes my sad duty to announce the passing of our late Department Commander, William L. Gage. Comrade Gage has long been known as one of the most zealous workers in the Grand Army. A Commander of his Post, Sylvanus Thayer, No. 87, of South Braintree for many years, he has endeared himself not only to the members of his own post, but to every comrade with whom he has come in contact. Elected to the office of Department Commander just five weeks ago, all looked bright and rosy to him. Three weeks later conditions appeared that necessitated his going to the hospital for treatment. One week later he underwent a serious operation. He seemed to be rallying from the shock and was thought to be progressing favorably, until three days later unfavorable symptoms developed, and in the twinkling of an eye he passed into the Great Camping Ground above, Tuesday afternoon, May 12. Comrade Gage served during the Civil War in Co. I, 42nd Mass. Infantry.

The funeral of our beloved Commander will take place from his home in Braintree, Friday, May 15, at 2.30 P.M.

HENRY N. COMEY,  
*Senior Vice-Commander.*

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE,  
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

## ROSTER DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Headquarters, State House, Boston.

### DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

WILLIAM L. GAGE,<sup>1</sup> *Commander* . . . . . Post 87, South Braintree.

<sup>1</sup> Died May 12, 1925.

HENRY N. COMEY, *Commander* . . . . . Post 90, Danvers.  
WILLIAM F. BROWN, *Senior Vice-Commander* . . . . . Post 163, Framingham.  
HENRY A. MONK, *Junior Vice-Commander* . . . . . Post 87, South Braintree.  
WALTER B. WHITING, M.D., *Medical Director* . . . . . Post 191, Boston.  
REV. GEORGE W. NEAD, *Chaplain* . . . . . Post 169, Norwood.

### OFFICIAL STAFF.

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, *Assistant Adjutant-General* . . . . . Post 62, Newton.  
EUGENE D. SANBORN, *Assistant Quartermaster-General* . . . . . Post 15, Boston.  
HERBERT F. JOYNER, *Judge-Advocate* . . . . . Post 196, Great Barrington.  
JOSHUA S. GRAY, *Inspector* . . . . . Post 74, Rockland.  
A. OTIS CHAMBERLAIN, *Chief Mustering Officer* . . . . . Post 30, Cambridge.  
EDWARD O. PIERSON, *Patriotic Instructor* . . . . . Post 87, South Braintree.  
EDWIN F. MORRILL, *Chief-of-Staff* . . . . . Post 156, Everett.

### COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

DAVID KING . . . . . Post 15, Boston.  
JAMES H. WEBB . . . . . Post 88, Quincy.  
D. W. HAMMOND . . . . . Post 47, Haverhill.  
J. W. POLAND . . . . . Post 12, Wakefield.  
WILLIAM B. WEBBER . . . . . Post 143, Brookline.  
PHILIP A. NORDELL, *Headquarters Clerk* . . . . . Post 143, Brookline.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

|                             | Post. | Year. | Location.     |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|---------------|
| JOHN D. BILLINGS . . . . .  | 186   | 1884  | Cambridge.    |
| W. A. WETHERBEE . . . . .   | 62    | 1894  | Boston.       |
| J. PAYSON BRADLEY . . . . . | 2     | 1906  | Boston.       |
| GEORGE A. HOSLEY . . . . .  | 11    | 1912  | Charlestown.  |
| THOMAS J. AMES . . . . .    | 53    | 1913  | Leominster.   |
| JOHN M. WOODS . . . . .     | 139   | 1914  | Somerville.   |
| ALFRED H. KNOWLES . . . . . | 36    | 1915  | Arlington.    |
| DANIEL E. DENNY . . . . .   | 10    | 1917  | Worcester.    |
| GEORGE W. WILDER . . . . .  | 15    | 1919  | Boston.       |
| HORACE GOODWIN . . . . .    | 16    | 1920  | Springfield.  |
| EDWIN F. MORRILL . . . . .  | 156   | 1921  | Everett.      |
| HENRY CLARK . . . . .       | 36    | 1922  | Arlington.    |
| GEORGE W. PRATT . . . . .   | 72    | 1923  | Stoughton.    |
| BENJAMIN A. HAM . . . . .   | 2     | 1924  | South Boston. |

## DECEASED.

|                                | Post. | Year.   | Date of Death. |
|--------------------------------|-------|---------|----------------|
| AUSTIN S. CUSHMAN . . . . .    | 1     | 1866-67 | Jan. 29, 1907  |
| A. B. R. SPRAGUE . . . . .     | 10    | 1868    | May 17, 1910   |
| FRANCIS A. OSBORN . . . . .    | 15    | 1869    | Mar. 11, 1914  |
| JAMES L. BATES . . . . .       | 85    | 1870    | Nov. 11, 1875  |
| WILLIAM COGSWELL . . . . .     | 34    | 1871    | May 22, 1895   |
| ADIN B. UNDERWOOD . . . . .    | 62    | 1873    | Jan. 14, 1888  |
| JOHN W. KIMBALL . . . . .      | 19    | 1874    | July 15, 1910  |
| GEORGE S. MERRILL . . . . .    | 39    | 1875    | Feb. 17, 1900  |
| HORACE B. SARGENT . . . . .    | 15    | 1876-78 | Jan. 18, 1908  |
| JOHN G. B. ADAMS . . . . .     | 5     | 1879    | Oct. 19, 1900  |
| JOHN A. HAWES . . . . .        | 1     | 1880    | Mar. 10, 1883  |
| GEORGE W. CREASEY . . . . .    | 49    | 1881    | July 3, 1909   |
| GEORGE H. PATCH . . . . .      | 63    | 1882    | July 26, 1887  |
| GEORGE S. EVANS . . . . .      | 30    | 1883    | April 7, 1903  |
| JOHN W. HERSEY . . . . .       | 16    | 1885    | Oct. 25, 1912  |
| RICHARD F. TOBIN . . . . .     | 2     | 1886    | Nov. 22, 1893  |
| CHARLES D. NASH . . . . .      | 78    | 1887    | Aug. 5, 1910   |
| MYRON P. WALKER . . . . .      | 97    | 1888    | Mar. 25, 1911  |
| GEORGE L. GOODALE . . . . .    | 66    | 1889    | Jan. 30, 1911  |
| GEORGE H. INNIS . . . . .      | 2     | 1890    | Jan. 19, 1907  |
| ARTHUR A. SMITH . . . . .      | 20    | 1891    | Mar. 21, 1907  |
| JAMES K. CHURCHILL . . . . .   | 10    | 1892    | Dec. 6, 1912   |
| ELI W. HALL . . . . .          | 5     | 1893    | Nov. 26, 1920  |
| JOS. W. THAYER . . . . .       | 35    | 1895    | July 22, 1905  |
| WILLIAM P. DERBY . . . . .     | 16    | 1896    | Feb. 6, 1901   |
| JOHN M. DEANE . . . . .        | 46    | 1897    | Sept. 2, 1914  |
| WM. H. BARTLETT . . . . .      | 10    | 1898    | July 5, 1901   |
| JOHN E. GILMAN . . . . .       | 26    | 1899    | Feb. 20, 1921  |
| PETER D. SMITH . . . . .       | 99    | 1900    | Jan. 16, 1911  |
| SILAS A. BARTON . . . . .      | 29    | 1901    | May 27, 1911   |
| W. W. BLACKMAR . . . . .       | 113   | 1902    | July 16, 1905  |
| DWIGHT O. JUDD . . . . .       | 71    | 1903    | Nov. 26, 1906  |
| LUCIUS FIELD . . . . .         | 64    | 1904    | Aug. 23, 1910  |
| JAMES H. WOLFF . . . . .       | 92    | 1905    | May 3, 1913    |
| DANIEL H. L. GLEASON . . . . . | 63    | 1907    | April 8, 1917  |
| ALFRED S. ROE . . . . .        | 10    | 1908    | Jan. 6, 1917   |
| JOHN L. PARKER . . . . .       | 5     | 1909    | Feb. 27, 1917  |
| J. WILLARD BROWN . . . . .     | 186   | 1910    | Dec. 7, 1910   |
| GRANVILLE C. FISKE . . . . .   | 18    | 1910-11 | Aug. 11, 1921  |
| FRANCIS E. MOLE . . . . .      | 126   | 1916    | Dec. 29, 1923  |
| EDWIN P. STANLEY . . . . .     | 67    | 1918    | Dec. 27, 1924  |

HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM THE ORDER  
HENRY R. SIBLEY, Post 11, 1872.

## REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FIFTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

*Delegate-at-Large*

William J. Hargraves, Post 191

| <i>Representatives</i>        | <i>Post</i> | <i>Alternates</i>             | <i>Post</i> |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| DISTRICT No. 1.               |             |                               |             |
| John Gilbert . . . . .        | 46          | John H. Lawrence . . . . .    | 1           |
| DISTRICT No. 2.               |             |                               |             |
| Alvin C. Howes . . . . .      | 8           | Shepard M. Eaton . . . . .    | 78          |
| DISTRICT No. 3.               |             |                               |             |
| J. E. Bronson . . . . .       | 144         | William B. Webber . . . . .   | 143         |
| DISTRICT No. 4.               |             |                               |             |
| Geo. L. Hall . . . . .        | 2           | Wm. A. Copeland . . . . .     | 26          |
| James F. Flynn . . . . .      | 26          | Phineas P. Pettis . . . . .   | 11          |
| DISTRICT No. 5.               |             |                               |             |
| Eugene M. Libby . . . . .     | 5           | William E. Carlton . . . . .  | 49          |
| Eli Hunt . . . . .            | 82          | O. J. Randlett . . . . .      | 146         |
| W. H. Morgan . . . . .        | 89          | E. E. Larrabee . . . . .      | 5           |
| DISTRICT No. 6.               |             |                               |             |
| John Flood . . . . .          | 62          | A. Otis Chamberlin . . . . .  | 30          |
| Francis J. O'Reilly . . . . . | 56          | Charles G. Stone . . . . .    | 139         |
| George M. Houghton . . . . .  | 139         | Thomas Smith . . . . .        | 139         |
| DISTRICT No. 7.               |             |                               |             |
| Edwin J. Foster . . . . .     | 10          | Charles E. Morey . . . . .    | 10          |
| John W. Fairbanks . . . . .   | 80          | Charles S. Houghton . . . . . | 53          |
| George W. Corey . . . . .     | 168         | A. A. Buxton . . . . .        | 19          |
| DISTRICT No. 8.               |             |                               |             |
| Henry H. Hoisington . . . . . | 16          | B. R. Franklin . . . . .      | 16          |
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*Numerically arranged with Location, Names of Officers, Time of Meetings, etc.*

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| Wm. Logan Rodman             | 1   | New Bedford   | 27                        | Nahum F. Nickerson, South Dartmouth                 | Oct. 4, 1866        | Wednesday afternoon.                 |
| Dahlgren . . . . .           | 2   | South Boston  | 23                        | Leander K. Marston, 2 Kearsarge Terrace,<br>Roxbury | Feb. 26, 1880       | 1st and 3d Tuesday after-<br>noons.  |
| Wm. H. Bartlett              | 3   | Taunton       | 48                        | Oscar A. Hillard, 70½ Main Street.                  | Jan. 2, 1867        | 1st and 3d Tuesdays                  |
| U. S. Grant . . . . .        | 4   | Melrose       | 27                        | William H. Chamberlin, 58 Upham Street              | Feb. 19, 1867       | 1st and 3d Saturday after-<br>noons. |
| General Lander . . . . .     | 5   | Lynn          | 133                       | Chas. H. Brackett, G. A. R. Hall                    | Feb. 27, 1867       | Thursday afternoon.                  |
| P. T. Wyman . . . . .        | 6   | Holliston     | 8                         | George R. Russell                                   | Mar. 8, 1867        | 2d Tuesday.                          |
| Charles Russell Lowell       | 7   | Boston        | 37                        | Charles O. Newell, 48 Florence Street,<br>Everett   | Mar. 11, 1867       | 1st and 3d Wednesdays.               |
| F. W. Pierce . . . . .       | 8   | Middleborough | 32                        | Alvin C. Howes                                      | Mar. 13, 1867       | Saturday afternoon.                  |
| Reno . . . . .               | 9   | Hudson        | 18                        | Lorenzo F. Hemenway, 10 Lincoln Street              | May 27, 1867        | Every Saturday afternoon.            |
| George H. Ward . . . . .     | 10  | Worcester     | 151                       | Edwin J. Foster, 55 Pearl Street                    | Apr. 13, 1867       | Thursday afternoon.                  |
| Abraham Lincoln . . . . .    | 11  | Charlestown   | 35                        | J. F. Stoddard, 334 Washington Avenue,<br>Chelsea   | Apr. 23, 1867       | 2d and 4th Tuesdays.                 |
| Horace M. Warren             | 12  | Wakefield     | 25                        | J. Warren Poland                                    | Aug. 16, 1867       | 1st Saturday afternoon.              |
| Fletcher Webster . . . . .   | 13  | Brookton      | 52                        | Andrew C. Gibbs, G. A. R. Hall                      | July 1, 1867        | Wednesday.                           |
| C. C. Phillips . . . . .     | 14  | Hopkinton     | 12                        | Edwin A. Newton, Woodville                          | Feb. 28, 1903       | Monday afternoon.                    |
| John A. Andrew . . . . .     | 15  | Boston        | 49                        | John J. Lynn, 591 Park Street, Dorchester           | Aug. 6, 1867        | 1st and 3d Fridays.                  |
| E. K. Wilcox . . . . .       | 16  | Springfield   | 82                        | H. H. Hoisington, West Springfield                  | Aug. 9, 1867        | 2d Saturday afternoon.               |
| General Sedgwick . . . . .   | 17  | Orange        | 15                        | Edward Baker, 30 Burnell Avenue                     | Aug. 9, 1867        | 2d Friday afternoon.                 |
| Colonel Prescott . . . . .   | 18  | Ashland       | 3                         | Dena Wenzell                                        | Aug. 12, 1867       | 1st Saturday.                        |
| Edwin V. Sumner . . . . .    | 19  | Fitchburg     | 40                        | O. P. Bass, 538 Main Street                         | Aug. 16, 1867       | 3d and 4th Saturdays.                |
| H. G. Greenleaf . . . . .    | 20  | Colrain       | 5                         | E. F. Copeland                                      | Mar. 14, 1875       | 2d Thursday.                         |
| Frederick Hecker . . . . .   | 21  | Boston        | 4                         | Henry Bornstein, 284 Talbot Avenue,<br>Dorchester   | Feb. 22, 1881       | —                                    |
| Maj. E. F. Fletcher          | 22  | Milford       | 22                        | Geo. S. Whitney, 20 Fruit Street                    | Sept. 12, 1867      | Wednesday                            |
| Joseph Hooker . . . . .      | 23  | East Boston   | 12                        | Joseph Rositer, 25 Princeton Street                 | Sept. 17, 1867      | 2d and 4th Tuesdays.                 |
| A. B. R. Sprague . . . . .   | 24  | Grafton       | 1                         | Edwin A. Howe                                       | Sept. 26, 1867      | Last Monday afternoon.               |
| Thos. G. Stevenson . . . . . | 25  | Roxbury       | 42                        | J. F. Flynn, 22 Howland Street                      | Sept. 30, 1867      | 2d and 4th Monday after-<br>noons.   |
| Charles Devens . . . . .     | 27  | Oxford        | 3                         | Richard H. Murray                                   | Nov. 14, 1870       | 1st and 3d Tuesday after-<br>noons.  |

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| F. P. H. Rogers    | 29 | Waltham          | Samuel E. Clark, 333 Crescent Street                   | Oct. 21, 1867  | 1st and 3d Saturday after-<br>noons.  |
| Wm. H. Smart       | 30 | Cambridge        | William A. Tarbell, 33 Lexington Avenue                | Oct. 23, 1867  | 1st and 3d Saturday after-<br>noons.  |
| George W. Perry    | 31 | Scituate         | Albert C. Clapp                                        | July 15, 1875  | 2d Thursday afternoon.                |
| Washington         | 32 | South Boston     | John F. Murphy, 58 Thurston Street, West<br>Somerville | Nov. 6, 1867   | 2d and 4th Thursdays.                 |
| Burbank            | 33 | Woburn           | Wm. C. Colgate                                         | Nov. 6, 1867   | Thursday.                             |
| Phil. H. Sheridan  | 34 | Salem            | Edward H. Pierson, Saugus                              | Nov. 13, 1867  | 1st and 3d Wednesday after-<br>noons. |
| Theodore Winthrop  | 35 | Chelsea          | Samuel P. Cutter                                       | Nov. 16, 1867  | 2d and 4th Saturday after-<br>noons.  |
| Francis Gould      | 36 | Arlington        | George H. Averill                                      | May 26, 1881   | 2d and 4th Thursdays.                 |
| F. A. Stearns      | 37 | Spencer          | Robert E. Gibson, 65 Main Street                       | Nov. 20, 1867  | 1st and 3d Thursday after-<br>noons.  |
| Dexter             | 38 | Brookfield       | Charles F. Mullett                                     | Nov. 27, 1867  | 1st Friday afternoon.                 |
| Needham            | 39 | Lawrence         | James Morgan, 43 Whitman Street                        | Dec. 10, 1867  | 1st Saturday.                         |
| Gen. H. G. Berry   | 40 | Malden           | George M. Harris                                       | Oct. 1, 1873   | Thursday afternoon.                   |
| Lyon               | 41 | Westfield        | Edwin B. Smith                                         | Jan. 9, 1868   | 1st Monday.                           |
| B. F. Butler       | 42 | Lowell           | Arthur McQuade, 127 Rogers Street                      | Jan. 15, 1868  | 1st Wednesday.                        |
| John A. Rawlins    | 43 | Marlborough      | George H. Brigham, 280 East Main Street                | Jan. 15, 1868  | 2d and 4th Tuesdays.                  |
| G. Wesley Nichols  | 44 | Southborough     | Charles S. Parker                                      | Jan. 17, 1878  | 2d Monday.                            |
| Colonel Allen      | 45 | Gloucester       | Edward G. Winchester, 22 Middle Street                 | May 17, 1868   | 1st Saturday afternoon.               |
| Richard Borden     | 46 | Fall River       | John Gilbert, 254 Locust Street                        | Jan. 21, 1868  | 2d and 4th Saturday after-<br>noons.  |
| Major How          | 47 | Haverhill        | Smith W. Lucas, G. A. R. Hall                          | Jan. 28, 1868  | Tuesday afternoon.                    |
| George L. Boutwell | 48 | Ayer             | John S. Preston, Harvard, Mass.                        | Jan. 18, 1868  | 1st Thursday afternoon.               |
| A. W. Bartlett     | 49 | Newburyport      | Oriando F. Hatch                                       | Feb. 17, 1868  | 2d Friday afternoon.                  |
| Union              | 50 | Peabody          | Edward Q. Moulton, South Lynnfield                     | Apr. 18, 1879  | 2d Saturday afternoon.                |
| Ezra Bacheiler     | 51 | North Brookfield | George W. Bruce                                        | Feb. 28, 1868  | 1st Thursday afternoon.               |
| A. B. Randall      | 52 | Easton           | Nathaniel W. Slocum, South Easton                      | Feb. 28, 1868  | 3d Saturday afternoon.                |
| Chas. H. Stevens   | 53 | Leominster       | Thomas J. Ames                                         | June 13, 1868  | 1st and 3d Saturday after-<br>noons.  |
| Charles Beck       | 56 | Cambridge        | Francis J. O'Reilly, 9 Saville Street                  | June 26, 1868  | 2d Saturday afternoon.                |
| Reynolds           | 58 | East Weymouth    | Francis A. Bicknell, North Weymouth                    | July 2, 1868   | Friday afternoon.                     |
| Franklin           | 60 | Franklin         | Anthony Conners, Pleasant Street                       | May 16, 1881   | 1st and 3d Monday after-<br>noons.    |
| Nathaniel Lyon     | 61 | Webster          | W. N. Leaven, Webster                                  | July 21, 1868  | 2d and 4th Thursday after-<br>noons.  |
| Charles Ward       | 62 | Newtonville      | Leonard Boyd                                           | July 21, 1868  | 1st and 3d Saturday after-<br>noons.  |
| Gen. Wadsworth     | 63 | Natick           | R. J. Fox, 96 Pond Street                              | July 23, 1868  | Tuesday afternoon.                    |
| E. D. Baker        | 64 | Clinton          | G. S. Gibson                                           | Aug. 17, 1868  | 1st Friday.                           |
| S. C. Lawrence     | 66 | Medford          | Charles O. Burbank, 45 Washington Street               | Aug. 21, 1868  | 2d and 4th Saturday after-<br>noons.  |
| Allen              | 67 | Manchester       | Charles H. Stone                                       | Sept. 29, 1868 | Friday.                               |
| Benj. Stone, Jr.   | 68 | Dorchester       | Wallace Kenney, 9 Euclid Street                        | Oct. 8, 1868   | 1st Saturday afternoon.               |
| Joseph F. Rice     | 69 | Westminster      | Alonzo D. Wheeler, R. F. D.                            | Nov. 9, 1868   | 2d Saturday afternoon.                |

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| George A. Custer    | 70  | Millbury        | 8                         | Henry A. White                                                                       | Aug. 3, 1876        | 1st and 3d Monday after-<br>noons.      |
| Kilpatrick          | 71  | Holyoke         | 27                        | William H. Abbott, 145 Alllyn Street                                                 | Nov. 25, 1868       | 2d and 4th Saturday after-<br>noons.    |
| A. St. John Chamber | 72  | Stoughton       | 22                        | James McElroy, 99 Bird Street                                                        | Nov. 30, 1868       | 1st and 3d Tuesday after-<br>noons.     |
| McPherson           | 73  | Abington        | 11                        | John F. Hatch, Rockland                                                              | Dec. 23, 1868       | 2d and 4th Tuesday after-<br>noons.     |
| Hartsuff            | 74  | Rockland        | 25                        | Wm. R. Grose, 117 Arlington Street                                                   | Jan. 11, 1869       | Monday afternoon.                       |
| J. P. Gould         | 75  | Stoneham        | 24                        | James O. Laughlin                                                                    | Jan. 15, 1869       | 2d and 4th Saturday after-<br>noons.    |
| Collingswood        | 76  | Plymouth        | 22                        | Willie R. Butters,                                                                   | Jan. 19, 1869       | 1st Saturday afternoon.                 |
| Theron E. Hall      | 77  | Holden          | 5                         | C. E. Farrar                                                                         | Jan. 19, 1869       | 1st Friday afternoon.                   |
| David A. Russell    | 78  | Whitman         | 19                        | Bela Alden                                                                           | Jan. 30, 1869       | Tuesday afternoon.                      |
| Chas. D. Sanford    | 79  | North Adams     | 23                        | Alfred A. Lee, 5 Wesleyon Street                                                     | Mar. 30, 1869       | Friday afternoon.                       |
| Arthur G. Biscoe    | 80  | Westborough     | 15                        | John W. Fairbanks, South Street                                                      | June 18, 1881       | 1st and 3d Saturday after-<br>noons.    |
| Isaac B. Patten     | 81  | Watertown       | 11                        | Alvin F. Tollman, 16 Irving Street.                                                  | Dec. 20, 1870       | 2d Monday.                              |
| John Goodwin, Jr.   | 82  | Marblehead      | 22                        | Eli V. Hunt                                                                          | Mar. 29, 1869       | 1st and 3d Monday after-<br>noons.      |
| J. E. Wilder        | 83  | Hanover         | 7                         | Geo. M. Curtis                                                                       | Apr. 29, 1869       | Tuesday on or before first of<br>month. |
| J. W. Lawton        | 85  | Ware            | 12                        | A. H. Richardson, Gilbertville                                                       | May 12, 1869        | 1st Wednesday afternoon.                |
| W. L. Baker         | 86  | Northampton     | 36                        | Wm. R. Bardwell, Pine Street, Florence.                                              | Aug. 4, 1882        | 1st and 3d Saturday after-<br>noons.    |
| Gen. S. Thayer      | 87  | South Braintree | 9                         | Wm. L. Gage, Box 63                                                                  | June 2, 1869        | Saturday afternoon.                     |
| Paul J. Revere      | 88  | Quincy          | 18                        | John D. Williams, 17 Quincy Street                                                   | June 4, 1869        | 2d and 4th Thursdays.                   |
| J. H. Chipman, Jr.  | 89  | Beverly         | 39                        | Wm. H. Morgan, 17 Swan Street                                                        | June 5, 1868        | Thursday afternoon.                     |
| Ward                | 90  | Danvers         | 24                        | Alonzo A. Rackliffe, 12 Lawrence Street                                              | June 8, 1869        | 1st Monday afternoon.                   |
| E. R. Carpenter     | 91  | Foxborough      | 8                         | Thos. B. Bourne                                                                      | June 12, 1869       | 1st and 3d Wednesday after-<br>noons.   |
| Francis Washburn    | 92  | Brighton        | 17                        | John Welch, 40 Colwell Avenue                                                        | Nov. 12, 1873       | 1st and 3d Mondays.                     |
| Ozro Miller         | 93  | Shelburne Falls | 10                        | E. F. Gillett                                                                        | June 15, 1869       | Wednesday afternoon.                    |
| Revere              | 94  | Canton          | 9                         | Richmond L. Weston, P. O. Box 83                                                     | June 24, 1869       | 2d Saturday afternoon.                  |
| Gen. E. Hincks      | 95  | Saugus          | 9                         | Augustus H. Sutherland, Bow Street,                                                  | June 4, 1869        | 2d and 4th Tuesdays.                    |
| Gen. W. F. Bartlett | 99  | Andover         | 9                         | North Saugus, Wakefield R. F. D.<br>Henry L. Clukey, 404 Main Street, Grove-<br>land | Apr. 18, 1881       | 1st Saturday afternoon.                 |

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| Charles Sumner        | . | . | . | . | . | . | 6  | Charles J. Shute, 55 Van Buren Street,<br>Haverhill | June 16, 1869 | 3d Tuesday afternoon.                 |
| Huntington F. Wolcott | . | . | . | . | . | . | 9  | Nat. St. Barry, Box 114, Dedham                     | Apr. 3, 1879  | 2d Wednesday.                         |
| Edwin Humphrey        | . | . | . | . | . | . | 8  | Ezra Wilder, South Hingham                          | July 26, 1869 | 1st and 3d Saturday after-<br>noons.  |
| J. Orson Fiske        | . | . | . | . | . | . | 8  | George R. Pierce                                    | July 15, 1881 |                                       |
| Otis W. Wallace       | . | . | . | . | . | . | 6  | Joseph M. Read, 96 Granite Street, Pigeon<br>Cove   | Dec. 30, 1881 | Last Saturday afternoon.              |
| Everett Peabody       | . | . | . | . | . | . | 6  | C. E. Tyler, acting                                 | Aug. 18, 1869 | 2d and last Saturday after-<br>noons. |
| Erricson              | . | . | . | . | . | . | 12 | Judson D. Pinney, Waterville                        | Oct. 11, 1869 | 2d Saturday afternoon.                |
| Capt. Horace Niles    | . | . | . | . | . | . | 15 | Hiram S. Faunce, 291 Lafayette Street               | Oct. 29, 1869 | 1st and 3d Friday afternoons.         |
| Joseph E. Simmons     | . | . | . | . | . | . | 6  | Benj. F. Toppan                                     | Oct. 29, 1869 | 4th Tuesday afternoon.                |
| D. Willard Robinson   | . | . | . | . | . | . | 11 | Alfred B. Ritchfield, Assinippi                     | Nov. 1, 1869  | 1st Saturday afternoon.               |
| Edward W. Kinsley     | . | . | . | . | . | . | 41 | Oliver P. Ricker, 15 Ashburton Place                | Dec. 18, 1869 | 3d Wednesday.                         |
| Col. C. R. Mudge      | . | . | . | . | . | . | 15 | L. B. Blaisdell                                     | Dec. 20, 1869 | 2d Saturday afternoon.                |
| E. S. Clark           | . | . | . | . | . | . | 15 | Charles H. Berry                                    | July 30, 1874 | 1st Saturday.                         |
| D. G. Farragut        | . | . | . | . | . | . | 22 | Amos H. Eaton                                       | Dec. 30, 1869 | Last Saturday afternoon.              |
| Moses Ellis           | . | . | . | . | . | . | 4  | E. C. Crocker                                       | Jan. 23, 1870 | 2d Wednesday afternoon.               |
| Gen. James L. Bates   | . | . | . | . | . | . | 13 | Peleg Gardiner, 71 Puritan Road                     | Jan. 24, 1870 | 2d Wednesday afternoon.               |
| George G. Meade       | . | . | . | . | . | . | 6  | William B. Foster                                   | May 23, 1873  | Saturday afternoon.                   |
| James A. Garfield     | . | . | . | . | . | . | 32 | George B. Barnett, 1504 Bridge Street,<br>Dracont   | May 23, 1873  | 1st and 2d Thursdays.                 |
| Timothy Ingraham      | . | . | . | . | . | . | 22 | Richard F. Boynton, 50 Oak Street                   | Oct. 26, 1881 | 2d and 4th Saturday after-<br>noons.  |
| E. P. Wallace         | . | . | . | . | . | . | 16 | Frank N. Bailey, 19 White Hall Road                 | Mar. 22, 1870 | 2d and 4th Tuesdays.                  |
| Parker                | . | . | . | . | . | . | 13 | Lyman B. Hastings, Station A                        | Mar. 23, 1870 | 1st Saturday afternoon.               |
| W. W. Rockwell        | . | . | . | . | . | . | 26 | Edward C. Reagin, New Lenox                         | June 12, 1870 | Last Saturday afternoon.              |
| T. L. Bonney          | . | . | . | . | . | . | 2  | John Scates                                         | Mar. 6, 1882  | 1st and 3d Saturday after-<br>noons.  |
| Gen. J. Appleton      | . | . | . | . | . | . | 16 | Chas. W. Bamford, 47 Washington Street              | June 1, 1870  | 2d and 4th Saturdays.                 |
| James H. Sargent      | . | . | . | . | . | . | 17 | Elmer L. Vetofo, West Medway                        | Jan. 17, 1882 | Saturday afternoon.                   |
| Charles Chipman       | . | . | . | . | . | . | 11 | J. Frank Giles                                      | Jan. 18, 1882 | 1st Thursday.                         |
| George H. Nantien     | . | . | . | . | . | . | 8  | Granville Morse, Wrentham                           | Feb. 24, 1882 | 2d Saturday afternoon.                |
| Robert A. Bel         | . | . | . | . | . | . | 20 | Edw. A. Ditmus, 30 Winsor Street, Rox-<br>bury      | May 23, 1882  | 3d Monday afternoon.                  |
| E. A. Andrews         | . | . | . | . | . | . | 16 | Homer W. Loring                                     | June 29, 1870 | 1st Thursday afternoon.               |
| Isaac Davis           | . | . | . | . | . | . | 16 | George S. Towne                                     | Dec. 30, 1873 | 1st Monday afternoon.                 |
| Willard C. Kinsley    | . | . | . | . | . | . | 42 | Geo. M. Houghton, 21 Webster Street                 | May 2, 1882   | 2d Wednesday.                         |
| H. V. Smith           | . | . | . | . | . | . | 11 | Chas. V. Goddard, Box 74                            | Aug. 18, 1870 | Monday afternoon.                     |
| C. L. Chandler        | . | . | . | . | . | . | 16 | Wm. B. Webber, 311 Newton Street                    | Feb. 22, 1881 | 1st Saturday afternoon.               |
| Chas. W. Carroll      | . | . | . | . | . | . | 10 | J. E. Bronson, 44 Sanderson Avenue, East<br>Dedham  | Jan. 24, 1871 | 1st and 3d Tuesdays.                  |
| Wm. A. Streeter       | . | . | . | . | . | . | 25 | Nathan H. Read, 146 Lindsay Street                  | May 22, 1871  | 1st and 3d Saturday after-<br>noons.  |
| Gen. Lawton           | . | . | . | . | . | . | 26 | John A. Brackett                                    | June 6, 1871  | 2d and 4th Saturday after-<br>noons.  |
|                       | . | . | . | . | . | . |    |                                                     | Apr. 6, 1904  | 2d Wednesday afternoon.               |

ROSTER OF POSTS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC—*Concluded.*

| NAME.              | No. | Location.        | Members<br>Dec. 31, 1925. | Commander.                                         | Date of<br>Charter. | Time of Meeting.                                   |
|--------------------|-----|------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| E. M. Stanton      | 147 | Amherst          | 13                        | O. W. Prouty, Northampton                          | Oct. 31, 1882       | 1st and 3d Wednesday.                              |
| A. D. Weld         | 148 | Winchester       | 4                         | P. H. Driscoll, 36 Pearl Street                    | May 22, 1872        | 2d and 4th Wednesdays.                             |
| Mel. G. L. Stearns | 149 | Charlestown      | 4                         | John A. Bradley                                    | Dec. 11, 1872       | 4th Saturday quarterly.                            |
| Major Boyd         | 151 | West Newbury     | 3                         | Albert Andrews                                     | Jan. 10, 1874       | 1st and 3d Mondays.                                |
| O. H. P. Sargent   | 152 | Essex            | 4                         | Gustavus W. Jones                                  | Jan. 22, 1883       | 2d and 3d Mondays.                                 |
| Gilman C. Parker   | 153 | Winchendon       | 2                         | A. E. Lincoln                                      | Mar. 6, 1883        | 1st Saturday afternoon.                            |
| Martha Sever       | 154 | Kingston         | 7                         | Edwin F. Morrill, 31 Morris Street                 | May 24, 1883        | 1st Saturday afternoon.                            |
| James A. Perkins   | 156 | Everett          | 19                        | Fred A. Hartshorn, Walpole                         | June 14, 1883       | 2d and 4th Saturdays.                              |
| E. B. Piper        | 157 | Walpole          | 3                         | Stephen D. Snow, Concord Street, Rock-<br>land     | July 1, 1883        | 4th Monday.                                        |
| John A. Hawes      | 159 | East Boston      | 8                         | George H. Allen                                    | Sept. 7, 1883       | 1st and 3d Tuesdays.                               |
| Alan Hamilton      | 160 | West Brookfield  | 8                         | Edwin F. Weyer, 9 Warren Avenue                    | Sept. 18, 1883      | 1st Monday afternoon.                              |
| Woburn             | 161 | Woburn           | 10                        | W. F. Brown, 169 W. Brookline Street,              | Jan. 23, 1884       | 3d Saturday afternoon.                             |
| Gen. J. G. Foster  | 163 | Frammingham      | 20                        | Boston                                             | Mar. 25, 1884       | 1st Tuesday afternoon.                             |
| F. A. Clary        | 164 | Conway           | 5                         | George A. Hassell                                  | Apr. 29, 1884       | 3d Monday afternoon.                               |
| Wm. Wadsworth      | 165 | Duxbury          | 8                         | John W. Tower, R. F. D.                            | May 19, 1884        | 1st Friday afternoon.                              |
| Rouse R. Clark     | 167 | Whitinsville     | 6                         | Sidney L. Colby, 169 Church Street                 | June 18, 1884       | 2d and 4th Monday after-<br>noons.                 |
| M. Ammidown        | 168 | Southbridge      | 13                        | Geo. W. Corey                                      | June 27, 1884       | 2d and 4th Saturday after-<br>noons.               |
| George R. Bird     | 169 | Norwood          | 9                         | George W. Nead                                     | July 21, 1884       | 2d Thursday.                                       |
| John Rogers        | 170 | Mansfield        | 13                        | Leander Wentworth, Chilson Avenue                  | July 31, 1884       | 1st and 3d Saturday after-<br>noons.               |
| Henry H. Johnson   | 171 | Northfield       | 6                         | James R. Hamilton, East Northfield                 | Aug. 5, 1884        | 3d Friday afternoon.                               |
| J. Arthur Johnson  | 173 | Sturbridge       | 7                         | E. H. Davenport, East Brimfield                    | Aug. 26, 1884       | 1st and 3d Tuesday after-<br>noons.                |
| Edwin E. Day       | 174 | Greenfield       | 24                        | James A. Horton                                    | Aug. 29, 1884       | 1st Saturday afternoon.                            |
| Gen. H. C. Lee     | 176 | Huntington       | 11                        | H. E. Stanton                                      | Oct. 9, 1884        | Saturday afternoon on or<br>before first of month. |
| Samuel F. Woods    | 179 | Barre            | 10                        | Benj. F. Brooks, 48 Sargent Street, Fitch-<br>burg | Dec. 11, 1884       | 1st Saturday afternoon.                            |
| Old Concord        | 180 | Concord          | 8                         | George F. Wheeler                                  | Dec. 20, 1884       | 2d Wednesday afternoon.                            |
| Galen Orr          | 181 | Needham          | 4                         | Lymnan Wilcox, 21 Oak Street                       | Jan. 16, 1915       | 2d Thursday afternoon.                             |
| C. M. Wheaton      | 182 | Somerset         | 7                         | Amos C. Fafellford, Portersville                   | Oct. 16, 1885       | 2d Tuesday.                                        |
| Ladd and Whitney   | 185 | Lowell           | 32                        | Franklin S. Pevey, 68 Dover Street                 | Apr. 14, 1886       | 1st and 3d Wednesdays.                             |
| Preston            | 188 | Beverly Farms    | 6                         | Benjamin F. Osborn                                 | Apr. 28, 1887       | Wednesday afternoon.                               |
| David Church       | 189 | Marshfield Hills | 14                        | James L. Rogers                                    | Sept. 15, 1887      | 1st Wednesday afternoon.                           |

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|--------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|--------------------|----|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| R. A. Pierce       | . | . | . | . | . | . | 190 | New Bedford        | 50 | Thos. C. Robbins, 486 Cottage Street                    | May 28, 1887   | Saturday afternoon.                  |
| Gettysburg         | . | . | . | . | . | . | 191 | Boston             | 27 | Edward A. Hammond, 59 Chauncy Street                    | May 11, 1888   | 2d and 4th Friday after-<br>noons.   |
| P. M. Whiting      | . | . | . | . | . | . | 192 | North Attleborough | 11 | Stephen Stanley, 327 Towne Street, Attle-<br>boro Falls | July 26, 1888  | 1st Saturday afternoon.              |
| C. M. Packard      | . | . | . | . | . | . | 193 | Avon               | 4  | Ira McLaughlin, Page Street                             | Sept. 25, 1888 | 1st Tuesday afternoon.               |
| Veteran            | . | . | . | . | . | . | 194 | Reading            | 14 | Water S. Parker, 55 Walnut Street                       | Mar. 7, 1889   | 2d Saturday afternoon.               |
| Thos. A. Parker    | . | . | . | . | . | . | 195 | East Pepperell     | 9  | Olus A. Merrill, R. F. D.                               | Mar. 20, 1889  | 1st Tuesday afternoon.               |
| G. D. Anderson     | . | . | . | . | . | . | 196 | Great Barrington   | 7  | Herbert C. Joyner                                       | Mar. 26, 1889  | Saturday afternoon.                  |
| Berkshire          | . | . | . | . | . | . | 197 | Pittsfield         | 12 | A. L. Marshall, 53 Bartlett Avenue                      | Apr. 18, 1889  | 2d Saturday afternoon.               |
| Wm. B. Eaton       | . | . | . | . | . | . | 199 | Revere             | 7  | Horace Furbush, 41 South Russell Street,<br>Boston      | Jan. 10, 1890  | Last Saturday afternoon.             |
| Boston             | . | . | . | . | . | . | 200 | Jamaica Plain      | 13 | C. A. S. Troup, 36 Bellevue Avenue,<br>Winthrop         | June 5, 1890   | 1st and 3d Fridays.                  |
| E. B. Nye          | . | . | . | . | . | . | 203 | Bourne             | 6  | John J. Ryder, Buzzards Bay                             | Aug. 1, 1890   | 1st Monday afternoon.                |
| Theo. Parkman      | . | . | . | . | . | . | 204 | Centerville        | 7  | Thomas H. Soule, Jr., Hyannis                           | Oct. 15, 1890  | 1st and 3d Saturday after-<br>noons. |
| Thos. Gardner      | . | . | . | . | . | . | 207 | Nantucket          | 6  | Josiah F. Murphy, 19 Hussey Street                      | Aug. 28, 1891  | When called.                         |
| Gen. W. T. Sherman | . | . | . | . | . | . | 208 | Wareham            | 5  | James A. Harlow, Box 336                                | Sept. 25, 1891 | Friday afternoon.                    |
| E. P. Hopkins      | . | . | . | . | . | . | 209 | Williamstown       | 9  | W. R. Stocking, Williamstown                            | Dec. 10, 1891  | 2d Monday afternoon.                 |
| A. C. Monroe       | . | . | . | . | . | . | 212 | East Bridgewater   | 3  | Charles E. Allen                                        | July 9, 1895   | Thursday.                            |

Number of members in good standing Dec. 31, 1923, 3,613.

Number of members in good standing Dec. 31, 1924, 3,117.

## NATIONAL OFFICERS.

|                                                             |                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| LOUIS F. ARENSBERG, <i>Commander-in-Chief</i>               | —                 |
| WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, <i>Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief</i> | Boston, Mass.     |
| JOHN REESE, <i>Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief</i>           | Broken Bow, Neb.  |
| JOSEPH E. HALL, <i>Surgeon-General</i>                      | Portland, Ore.    |
| CHARLES W. BLODGETT, <i>Chaplain-in-Chief</i>               | Cincinnati, Ohio. |

## STAFF OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

|                                                        |                    |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| SAMUEL P. TOWN, <i>Adjutant-General</i>                | Philadelphia, Pa.  |
| COLA D. R. STOWITS, <i>Quartermaster-General</i>       | Buffalo, N. Y.     |
| ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, <i>Judge Advocate-General</i>       | Indianapolis, Ind. |
| GEORGE T. LEECH, <i>Inspector-General</i>              | Baltimore, Md.     |
| LEVI LONGFELLOW, <i>National Patriotic Instructor</i>  | Minneapolis, Minn. |
| H. H. BENGOUGH, <i>Assistant Adjutant-General</i>      | Pittsburgh, Pa.    |
| SAMUEL P. TOWN, <i>Asst.-Qm.-General and Custodian</i> | Philadelphia, Pa.  |
| GEORGE A. HOSLEY, <i>Chief-of-Staff</i>                | Somerville, Mass.  |
| A. I. ELLIS, <i>Senior Aide-de-Camp</i>                | Uniontown, Pa.     |

## PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS (FROM MASSACHUSETTS).

*Commanders-in-Chief.*

|                          |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| CHARLES DEVENS, 1873-74  | Post 10, Worcester. |
| Died Jan. 7, 1891.       |                     |
| GEORGE S. MERRILL, 1881  | Post 39, Lawrence.  |
| Died Feb. 17, 1900.      |                     |
| JOHN G. B. ADAMS, 1894   | Post 5, Lynn.       |
| Died Oct. 19, 1900.      |                     |
| WILMON W. BLACKMAR, 1905 | Post 113, Boston.   |
| Died July 6, 1905.       |                     |
| JOHN E. GILMAN, 1910     | Post 26, Roxbury.   |
| Died Feb. 20, 1921.      |                     |

*Senior Vice-Commanders-in-Chief.*

|                                                                                            |                       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| RICHARD F. TOBIN, 1890                                                                     | Post 2, South Boston. |
| Died Nov. 22, 1890.                                                                        |                       |
| GEORGE H. INNIS, 1891                                                                      | Post 2, South Boston. |
| Elected to fill vacancy caused by decease of Comrade Richard F. Tobin, Died Jan. 19, 1907. |                       |
| WILLIAM M. OLIN, 1902                                                                      | Post 26, Roxbury.     |
| Died April 15, 1911.                                                                       |                       |
| GEORGE A. HOSLEY, 1921                                                                     | Post 11, Boston.      |

*Junior Vice-Commanders-in-Chief.*

|                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| HERBERT E. HILL, 1878 | Post 139, Somerville. |
| Died April 8, 1892.   |                       |
| E. B. STILLINGS, 1905 | Post 113, Boston.     |
| Died Dec. 30, 1917.   |                       |

*Chaplains-in-Chief.*

|                             |                      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| ALONZO H. QUINT, 1868-69    | Post 1, New Bedford. |
| Died Nov. 4, 1896.          |                      |
| JOSEPH F. LOVERING, 1876-81 | Post 81, Watertown.  |
| Died March 4, 1915.         |                      |
| MARK B. TAYLOR, 1896        | Post 94, Canton.     |
| GEORGE E. LOVEJOY, 1912     | Post 146, Lawrence.  |
| Died Dec. 25, 1916.         |                      |
| PHILIP A. NORDELL, 1918     | Post 143, Brookline. |

*Adjutants-General.*

|                           |                      |                     |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| CORNELIUS G. ATWOOD, 1873 | Died Jan. 19, 1888.  | Post 113, Boston.   |
| HENRY R. SIBLEY, 1873     |                      | Post 11, Boston.    |
| WILLIAM M. OLIN, 1881     | Died April 15, 1911. | Post 26, Roxbury.   |
| JAMES F. MEECH, 1894      | Died April 30, 1895. | Post 10, Worcester. |
| JOHN E. GILMAN, 1904      | Died Feb. 20, 1921.  | Post 26, Roxbury.   |
| E. B. STILLINGS, 1910     | Died Dec. 30, 1917.  | Post 113, Boston.   |

*Quartermasters-General.*

|                              |                     |                     |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| CORNELIUS G. ATWOOD, 1871-72 | Died Jan. 19, 1888. | Post 113, Boston.   |
| A. B. R. SPRAGUE, 1873-74    | Died May 17, 1910.  | Post 10, Worcester. |

*Inspectors-General.*

|                            |                      |                       |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| GEORGE S. EVANS, 1888      | Died April 7, 1903.  | Post 30, Cambridge.   |
| GEORGE L. GOODALE, 1892    | Died Jan. 30, 1911.  | Post 66, Medford.     |
| WILLIAM M. OLIN, 1895      | Died April 15, 1911. | Post 26, Roxbury.     |
| WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, 1901 |                      | Post 62, Newton.      |
| J. PAYSON BRADLEY, 1912    |                      | Post 2, South Boston. |

*Judge-Advocates-General.*

|                           |                    |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| WILLIAM COGSWELL, 1878-79 | Died May 22, 1895. | Post 34, Salem.    |
| ALBERT CLARK, 1896        | Died, 1911.        | Post 191, Boston.  |
| JAMES H. WOLFF, 1900      | Died May 3, 1913.  | Post 92, Brighton. |

*Surgeons-General.*

|                             |             |                     |
|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| SAMUEL A. GREENE, 1871-72   | Died, 1918. | Post 15, Boston.    |
| JOHN W. FOYE, 1875          | Died, 1885. | Post 15, Boston.    |
| AZEL AMES, JR., 1882-83     | Died, 1908. | Post 12, Wakefield. |
| WILLIAM H. BAKER, 1899-1900 |             | Post 5, Lynn.       |

*Chiefs-of-Staff.*

|                           |                    |                   |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| SILAS A. BARTON, 1894     | Died May 27, 1914. | Post 29, Waltham. |
| J. PAYSON BRADLEY, 1911   |                    | Post 2, Boston.   |
| GEORGE A. HOSLEY, 1915-24 |                    | Post 11, Boston.  |

## ROSTER OF PAST DEPARTMENT AND PAST VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

|      | COMMANDERS.                    | Post. | S. V.-COMMANDERS.    | Post. | J. V.-COMMANDERS.     | Post. |
|------|--------------------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|
| 1866 | *Austin S. Cushman, Prov. Com. | 1     |                      |       |                       |       |
| 1867 | *Austin S. Cushman             | 1     | *Arthur A. Goodell   | 10    | *B. A. Bridges        | 6     |
| 1868 | *A. B. R. Sprague              | 10    | *Geo. H. Pierson     | 34    | M. W. Burt            | 3     |
| 1869 | *Francis A. Osborn             | 15    | *Josiah Pickett      | 10    | *H. C. Lee            | 16    |
| 1870 | *James L. Bates                | 58    | *H. M. Phillips      | 16    | *W. O. Fiske          | 42    |
| 1871 | *Wm. Cogswell                  | 34    | *Wm. Spaulding       | 11    | *S. E. Chamberlain    | 30    |
| 1872 | *H. R. Sibley                  | 11    | *W. S. B. Hopkins    | 120   | *Gardner A. Churchill | 68    |
| 1873 | *A. B. Underwood               | 62    | *John W. Kimball     | 19    | *Lemuel Pope          | 135   |
| 1874 | *John W. Kimball               | 19    | C. H. Taylor         | 139   | *John S. Fay          | 43    |
| 1875 | *Geo. S. Merrill               | 39    | C. Frank Luther      | 79    | *J. P. Maxfield       | 42    |
| 1876 | *Horace Binney Sargent         | 15    | *J. L. Skinner       | 36    | *Herbert E. Hill      | 139   |
| 1877 | *Horace Binney Sargent         | 15    | *Geo. S. Evans       | 30    | *Geo. H. Patch        | 142   |
| 1878 | *Horace Binney Sargent         | 15    | *John G. B. Adams    | 5     | *John A. Hawes        | 1     |
| 1879 | *John G. B. Adams              | 5     | *John A. Hawes       | 1     | *S. B. Spooner        | 16    |
| 1880 | *John A. Hawes                 | 1     | *T. H. Hill          | 33    | *Benj. S. Lovell      | 58    |
| 1881 | *Geo. W. Creasey               | 49    | *Benj. S. Lovell     | 58    | *R. B. Wight          | 63    |
| 1882 | *Geo. H. Patch                 | 142   | *Wm. H. Hart         | 35    | John D. Billings      | 94    |
| 1883 | *Geo. S. Evans                 | 30    | John D. Billings     | 94    | *A. S. Sloane         | 37    |
| 1884 | John D. Billings               | 94    | *John W. Hersey      | 16    | *Richard F. Tobin     | 30    |
| 1885 | *John W. Hersey                | 16    | *Richard F. Tobin    | 2     | *C. D. Nash           | 78    |
| 1886 | *Richard F. Tobin              | 2     | *Chas. D. Nash       | 78    | *E. C. Whitney        | 68    |
| 1887 | *Chas. D. Nash                 | 78    | *E. C. Whitney       | 68    | *James Kittle         | 125   |
| 1888 | *Myron P. Walker               | 97    | *Geo. L. Goodale     | 66    | *Geo. H. Innis        | 2     |
| 1889 | *Geo. L. Goodale               | 66    | *Geo. H. Innis       | 2     | *Arthur A. Smith      | 20    |
| 1890 | *Geo. H. Innis                 | 2     | *Arthur A. Smith     | 20    | *James K. Churchill   | 10    |
| 1891 | *Arthur A. Smith               | 20    | *James K. Churchill  | 10    | *Eli W. Hall          | 5     |
| 1892 | *James K. Churchill            | 10    | *Eli W. Hall         | 5     | Wilfred A. Wetherbee  | 62    |
| 1893 | *Eli W. Hall                   | 5     | Wilfred A. Wetherbee | 62    | *Joseph W. Thayer     | 35    |
| 1894 | Wilfred A. Wetherbee           | 62    | *Joseph W. Thayer    | 35    | *Wm. P. Derby         | 16    |
| 1895 | *Joseph W. Thayer              | 35    | *Wm. P. Derby        | 16    | *John M. Deane        | 46    |
| 1896 | *Wm. P. Derby                  | 16    | *John M. Deane       | 46    | *John E. Gilman       | 26    |
| 1897 | *John M. Deane                 | 46    | *John E. Gilman      | 26    | *Peter D. Smith       | 99    |
| 1898 | *William H. Bartlett           | 10    | Joseph F. Bartlett   | 162   | George M. Fiske       | 62    |
| 1899 | *John E. Gilman                | 26    | *Peter D. Smith      | 99    | *Silas A. Barton      | 29    |
| 1900 | *Peter D. Smith                | 99    | *Silas A. Barton     | 26    | *W. W. Blackmar       | 113   |
| 1901 | *Silas A. Barton               | 29    | *W. W. Blackmar      | 113   | *Dwight O. Judd       | 71    |
| 1902 | *W. W. Blackmar                | 113   | *Dwight O. Judd      | 71    | *Lucius Field         | 64    |
| 1903 | *Dwight O. Judd                | 71    | *Lucius Field        | 64    | *James H. Wolff       | 92    |
| 1904 | *Lucius Field                  | 64    | *James H. Wolff      | 92    | J. Payson Bradley     | 2     |
| 1905 | *James H. Wolff                | 92    | J. Payson Bradley    | 2     | *D. H. L. Gleason     | 63    |
| 1906 | J. Payson Bradley              | 2     | *D. H. L. Gleason    | 63    | *Alfred S. Roe        | 10    |
| 1907 | *D. H. L. Gleason              | 63    | *Alfred S. Roe       | 10    | *John L. Parker       | 5     |
| 1908 | *Alfred S. Roe                 | 10    | *John L. Parker      | 5     | J. Willard Brown      | 186   |
| 1909 | *John L. Parker                | 5     | J. Willard Brown     | 186   | *Granville C. Fiske   | 18    |
| 1910 | *J. Willard Brown              | 186   | *Granville C. Fiske  | 18    | George A. Hosley      | 11    |
| 1911 | *Granville C. Fiske            | 18    | George A. Hosley     | 11    | *Isaac C. Day         | 101   |
| 1912 | George A. Hosley               | 11    | *Isaac C. Day        | 101   | Thomas J. Ames        | 53    |
| 1913 | Thomas J. Ames                 | 53    | Edward O. Skelton    | 191   | John M. Woods         | 139   |
| 1914 | John M. Woods                  | 139   | Alfred H. Knowles    | 36    | *Francis E. Mole      | 126   |
| 1915 | Alfred H. Knowles              | 36    | *Francis E. Mole     | 126   | *Daniel E. Denny      | 10    |
| 1916 | *Francis E. Mole               | 126   | *Daniel E. Denny     | 10    | *Edwin P. Stanley     | 67    |
| 1917 | *Daniel E. Denny               | 10    | *Edwin P. Stanley    | 67    | Geo. W. Wilder        | 15    |
| 1918 | *Edwin P. Stanley              | 67    | Geo. W. Wilder       | 15    | Horace Goodwin        | 16    |
| 1919 | Geo. W. Wilder                 | 15    | Horace Goodwin       | 16    | Edwin F. Morrill      | 156   |
| 1920 | Horace Goodwin                 | 15    | Edwin F. Morrill     | 156   | Henry Clark           | 36    |
| 1921 | Edwin F. Morrill               | 156   | Henry Clark          | 36    | George W. Pratt       | 72    |
| 1922 | Henry Clark                    | 36    | George W. Pratt      | 72    | Benjamin A. Ham       | 2     |
| 1923 | George W. Pratt                | 72    | Benjamin A. Ham      | 2     | *William L. Gage      | 87    |
| 1924 | Benjamin A. Ham                | 2     | *William L. Gage     | 87    | Henry N. Comey        | 90    |
| 1925 | Henry N. Comey                 | 90    | William F. Brown     | 163   | Henry A. Monk         | 87    |

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† Honorably discharged.

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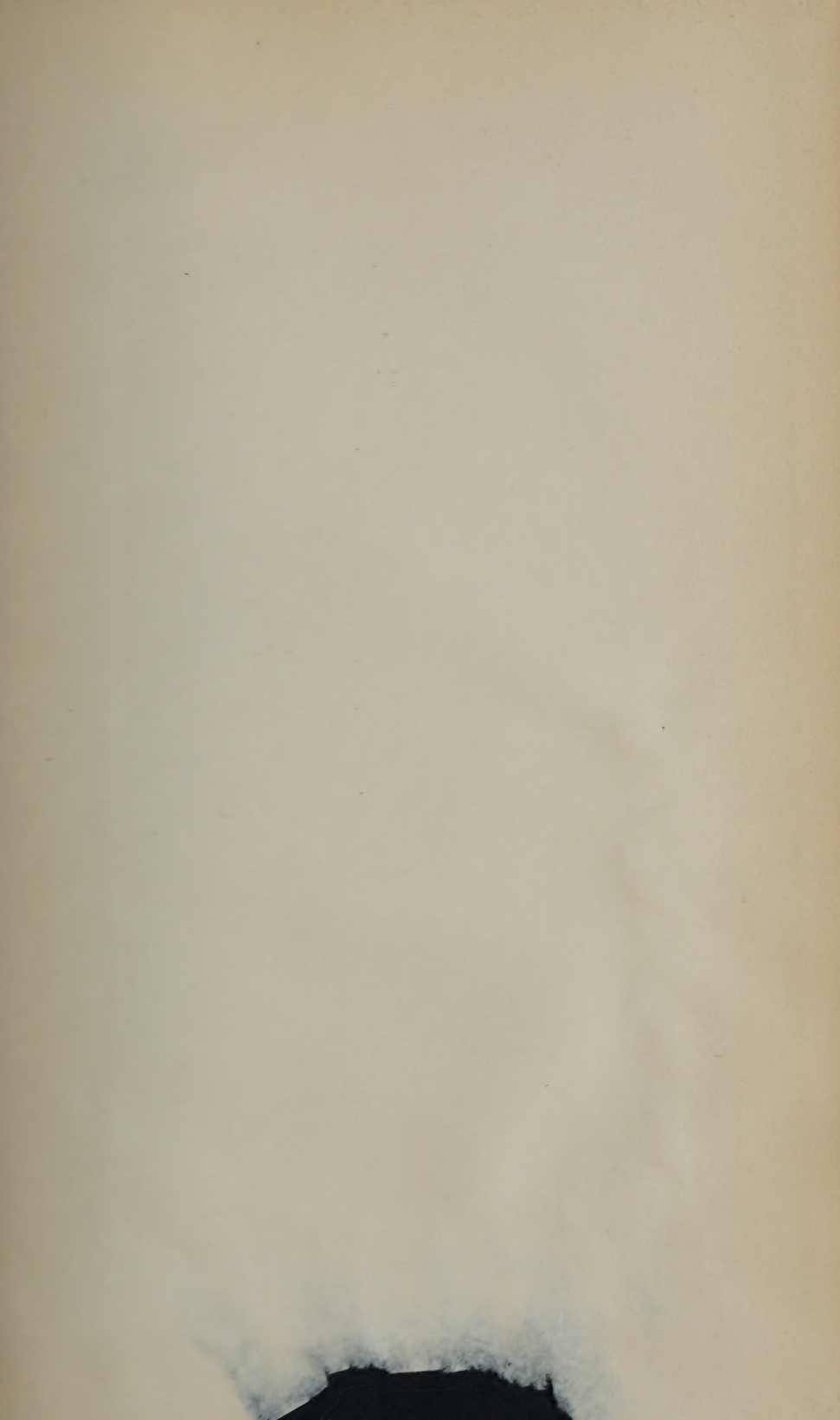
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